



# The Way The Picture Reads

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Neal has written a good number of poems and many have a wonderful lyrical quality about them. This one grabbed my attention one day as I looked at it; he was writing about a particularly rocky moment in his own life, and I saw the verses as an unfolding story of sorts. I contrasted the serious verse with a lively, up-beat acoustic guitar sound and a bouncing, singable melody, and the result was a very special song to us.

Neal seems to be on my wavelength in that he writes in images - his verses are full of references to pictures or in painting those pictures with his words. It's always a joy to read some of his writings and hear a melody just jump into my mind and see a scene being painted in my mind's eye. He's a terrific artist to work with, as well as a true brother.

*-John*

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