

The Great White Wheel of Life

By Flo Barnes

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The Great White, The Great White wheel
Burnishes golden brown and copper red
The autumn sunset and the desert rose

The Great White wheel swirls and twirls,
faster and faster
dizzying then slowing,
faltering
Stopped.

Flaws and jewels revealed
Nakedness and holiness uncovered
Never the same

The wheel, whose spokes spark silver, turns again
The Great White, The Great White Wheel
trolling, finding,
turning, burnishing,
over and over
and over again

This poem was inspired by the title of a book by Frank Waters called Life is a Great White Stone, the wheels of the mud wagon, shapes in the printing press and the neutral brown/red color from some of the old books in the exhibit at the Palace of the Governors.

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