



**European Graduate School EGS**  
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*When asked what I do as Poet Laureate EGS*

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I'm out here  
Waiting for you  
You'll find me  
After lunch  
At the Allalin  
Out in the garden  
Under the glacier  
At the long table  
The red one  
Near the pine trees  
Or if not here  
I'll be up on  
The grassy bank  
Near the near side  
of the Crystale  
You'll find me  
Waiting for you

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Listening near and faraway  
For you  
As you enter in  
On the poetry bus  
Chanting  
"Dig in the dirt now  
It won't hurt now"  
As we generate themes  
Or a question or a red thread  
As we speak our dreams  
from the heat to the hear  
To the heart to the hearth  
To the middle of mud to the first circle  
the creation cycle  
WE listen we hold on  
Tomorrow we will do the same  
We do not disappoint  
We eat our words  
They are nutritious and satisfying  
Here in the sunlight under the glacier  
And we am grateful  
So we bow to the mountains  
We bow to the sky  
We bow to the great momma  
As she's happening by  
We praise the poems  
that make us cry  
Or laugh or sigh or wander  
Or wander off  
When we've had enough  
We praise he one that takes too long  
The ones that come into us  
Like a song  
The ones you never wrote  
The one that catches in your throat  
The one that makes you yawn  
The one you suddenly own  
The ones you dare  
The ones you try for the first time  
The one that arrives  
As surprise or this morning at sunrise  
The understanding  
The one that gives you rant for the rope  
The one that got away  
The one that catches in your throat  
The one stuck in the craw  
The one for the crow the one for the crew  
The laconic one the ironic one the one that says nope  
I'm your poet laureate  
I have my lasso  
So don't worry  
You cant go wrong  
I'm here  
At the garden's edge  
Like an egg on the horizon  
And if it rains  
We'll make a contingency plan

Maybe inside near the bar  
Or upstairs in my room  
We'll find a place  
So don't go away  
I'll be there  
Will you be there?  
Ok then  
Ok