

# All Our Relations

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I think I'll just let what comes from my heart flow.

We've been with you for a long, long time. Have you forgotten that at the very beginning under that great Tree of Life, we gathered. It was so beautiful. You were dancing and singing. There was so much gratitude and there was so much kindness. We felt so connected. I've not forgotten you but I think you've forgotten me. I'm under your feet and I'm a whole community. I want you to know that we're the story keepers as well. When your tears flow we feel them When your laughter resounds, we hear you. We're like a web of light under your feet that connects everything. We're like a reflection of the galaxy and the universe itself. We hold so many teachings for you, if you would but see us, if you would but hear us. Can you see us? Can you hear us?

We also would like to give deep appreciation for our indigenous relative, Audrey, and what she shared about the salmon at the top of the tree. That's one of our jobs. We love it. We love feeding you. We love helping you breathe. And we like what's happening with some of you getting excited...like Paul Stamets with the mushroom hat. He's talking about us. He's saying, 'Mycelium! Mycelium...these tiny thread-like fibres underground!' We're a big community. You know we are the biggest organism in the world right now...acres upon acres. Here we are, out of honey mushrooms. And you, in the beginning, were so connected like that. You know that elder that Audrey spoke of, telling her about the salmon at the top of the tree and how everything is interconnected. He knew. We need those elders and the children really need those elders. They need that wisdom right now. We're really concerned. We love it when they run upon us. When they lay upon us and smell the grasses, feel the flowers and hear the bees.

Hum, huh. There's Plankton. I don't know if you've met Plankton. Plankton's got something to say, so I'll just listen. Okay. Hummm. Actually Plankton's not so happy about what's going on either. But I don't know if I could translate because there's a lot of swear words. Okay. If you could say it in a different way. Plankton is feeling really unseen and unheard, too. He is really ticked off at the lack of recognition and he's been working really hard and his whole community as well. And he really liked what John said about floating in the light. He'd like to be doing more of that. That's his job, right. You know. It's the swearing again. Sorry about that. Yah. There's a lot there. There's a lot of communities in Nature really working hard right now. Hmm. Okay. We're just asking you to just hear us, see us. Would do that. Please. We're all in this together. We really want to work together on this. And Plankton is saying that he can do a lot with the plastic. There is so much we can do together. We were so excited when you arrived. We had been here a long time and we were so happy to be with you here and working together. It's just this last little while, this last little while. I think we can do it. We can pull through.