

The Blue Sky

Some key words and information for Nagapriya's input on the Bodhichitta practice.

Herbert Guenther (1917-2006, German Buddhist philosopher): 'the open dimension of being' (*shunyata*). He uses this term in his book *The Tantric View of Life*.

Entzetteln (delabelling or taking labels off; a way of talking about the mystery of *shunyata*)

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951, Austrian philosopher); one of his books is called *Zettel* (notes).

Martin Heidegger (1889-1976, German philosopher)

Gelassenheit: 'letting be', gentle releasement, or serenity; a way of talking about the 'openness' of *shunyata*.

Ted Hughes (1930-1998), English poet. In the poem, 'Full Moon and Little Frieda', Frieda is Hughes' young daughter. Hughes lived in an agricultural part of Yorkshire, England.

Full Moon and Little Frieda

A cool small evening shrunk to a dog bark and the clank of a bucket -
And you listening.
A spider's web, tense for the dew's touch.
A pail lifted, still and brimming - mirror
To tempt a first star to a tremor.

Cows are going home in the lane there, looping the hedges with their warm
wreaths of breath -
A dark river of blood, many boulders,
Balancing unspilled milk.
'Moon!' you cry suddenly, 'Moon! Moon!'

The moon has stepped back like an artist gazing amazed at a work
That points at him amazed.