Citizen of the Planet

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I start up in the north, I grow up from special seed I sprinkle it with sensibility From French and Hungarian snow I linger in the sprouting until my engine's fullThen I move across the sea to European bliss To language of poets As I cut the cord of home I kiss my mother's mother, look to the horizonWide-eyed, new ground Humbled by my new surroundingsI am a citizen of the planet My president is Kwan Yin My frontier is on an airplane My prisons: homes for rehabilitating Then I fly back to my nest, I fly back with my nuclear But everything is different So I wait, my yearn for home is broadened Patriotism expanded, by callings from beyondSo I pack my things Nothing precious All things sacredI am a citizen of the planet My laws are all of attraction My punishments are consequences Separating from source the original sinI am a citizen of the planet Democracy's kids are sovereign Where the teachers are the sages And pedestals fill with every parent And so, the next few years are blurry The next decade's a flurry of smells and tastes unknown Threads sewn straight through this fabric Through fields of every color, one culture to anotherAnd I come alive And I get giddy And I am taken and globally naturalizedI am a citizen of the planet From simple roots through high version I am guarded by the angels My body guides the direction I go inI am a citizen of the planet My favorite pastime: edge-stretching Besotten with human condition These ideals are born from my deepest within

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