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It is Always Sunrise Somewhere

Ahhh, the sweet smell of morning, coffee brewing, eggs frying, birds chirping, eagles flying...
Dawn has awakened to adopt the forsaken, **those born without tongues;**
They are the colorful birds without nests, outside of this daylight darkness looms with a smirk,
Patiently waiting for somebody's light to capitulate
To its black tunnel of nothingness and to laugh
When they get lost and stranded
On their way to salvation, but the morning's breath offers direction,
A sound that rings ripples in the sea of lost souls,
Anxiously waiting to escape the destitution that stands
Between the richest and the poorest; the destitution that stands on wobbly legs
As naked as a tree in the deep dark frost of winter;
The parts of the earth surrounded by rows of semi-invisible iron bars
Anchored from the ground to the infinity of the sky;
While affluent oppressors gorge on caviar...
And isn't it about time that someone asks "why?"
But the breath of dawn has come and it's blowing just enough cold
To seal the pores of the poor so that the venom of racism and classism
Won't infiltrate their gaunt paper thin skins.
They listen for the breath of morning to announce a new beginning;
Hoping to rid the world of famine...giving them a reason, particularly those sleeping on treason,
To get up in the morning, and to bask in the knowledge that
It is always sunrise somewhere...

Jacques Fleury is a Haitian-American poet, educator and author. His book *Sparks in the Dark: A Lighter Shade of Blue*, a Poetic Memoir about life in Haiti & America was featured in the *Boston Globe*. *It's Always Sunrise Somewhere and Other Stories* is a collection of short fictional stories spanning the pervasive human condition. Their topics range from politics to romantics, from sex to spirituality, from religion to dissension. His latest book, *Chain Letter to America: The One Thing You Can Do to End Racism*, explores xenophobia in America is available at the Harvard Book Store and worldwide online. His CD *A Lighter Shade of Blue* as a lyrics writer with neo-folk group Sweet Wednesday is available on iTunes and Spotify. He lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.