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QUIET MOMENTS

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A misty, blue-toned landscape featuring a waterfall cascading over rocky terrain. The scene is ethereal and serene, with soft light filtering through the mist. The text "Silence is..." is overlaid in a black, elegant serif font.

Silence is...



Silence is...

the deep well
from which
we can draw
living water.

Silence is...

the gentle kiss
that tells us
it's all right
to relax now.

Silence is...

the long sigh
at the end of
the symphony.

Silence is...

the total rest when
all passion is spent.




*Silence is...
the sense
of calm
when all
the tears
have been
cried.*

Silence is...

the gift of
a gentle mother
to her weary
children.

Silence is...

the clean canvas
on which
the divine artist
paints a fresh vision
of his own image.



**Silence is...
the only way
to hear the music
of the angels.**



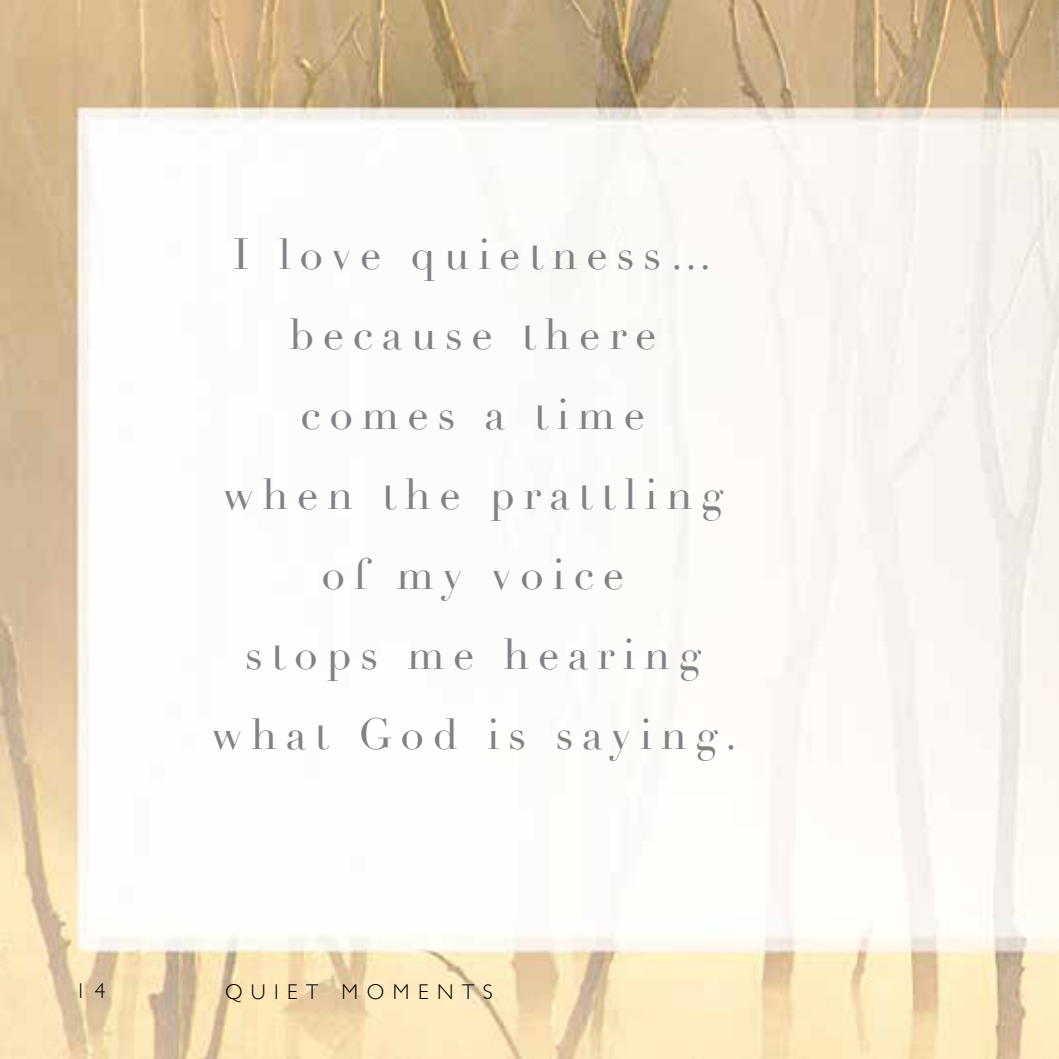
I love quietness

I love quietness...

because there
comes a time
when the chattering
of my voice
stops me hearing
what I'm saying.

I love quietness...

because there
comes a time
when the babble
of my voice
stops me hearing
what I'm thinking.



I love quietness...
because there
comes a time
when the prattling
of my voice
stops me hearing
what God is saying.



*I love
quietness...*


because there
comes a time when
the happy noise
of human speech
stops me hearing
the soft crying of
humans in pain.

I love quietness...

because there comes a
time when the warm blanket
of speech is so cosy that
my mind goes to sleep.

I love quietness...

because there comes a time when I realize
I don't know what to say any more, and
when I realize that it doesn't matter.



*I love quietness...
because when God
gave us
one mouth and
two ears,
he probably
intended us
to use them in that
proportion.*

I love quietness...

*because it
brings me
through the whirlwind
to the stillness
which is at its centre.*



A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright white circle in the upper right, with its reflection as a smaller white circle on the water's surface. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, and the water is dark with ripples. On the left, there are dark silhouettes of trees and reeds.

*S*tillness
in busy lives

The command:

'Stop, look, listen!'
is good advice for
someone about to
cross a road.



It's even better advice
for someone who wants
to cross the threshold
into the presence of God.