

## TIME FOR ILLUMINATION



When the biggest event of the month is a litter of kittens;

When the most beautiful thing is the sunset;

When important conversation is the weather;

When the most fun thing to do is go out for breakfast;

When a huge happening is the electric company trimming the trees;

When the calendar is regulated by the moon phase;

When you find half a mouse and celebrate the cat's prowess;

When a femur of unknown origin appears on the porch and you know the dog's working;

When the mockingbird lights on the gate, telling you it's time for breakfast;

When this year's hummingbird count exceeds last year's, and you dance a jig while you hang out another feeder;

When your black mama cow delivers a white calf, and you celebrate the next door bull having jumped the fence;

And

If a tree doesn't fall on the house;

If the septic system doesn't backfire;

If the chimney still draws smoke;

If you manage to ignore the traffic,

Tell no one your business,

Keep the gate locked,

And bury a can of cash in the backyard---

Then, in the dark stillness of a silent night, far beyond the world,

When you go deep within,

You have about a 50-50 chance of hearing the

Symphony of the Spheres and

Transforming your life forever.