



Anniversary Story

“My View of Groundwater”

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Years ago I wouldn't have known
But working with natural resource I've grown

To understand what lies beneath this land
Between the soil, rocks, and sand

Something that each of us needs
As do the animals, the plants and their seeds

More precious than gold
At great depths may be thousands of years old

Natural springs and artesian wells
Rising up through the ground where it dwells

The Great Artesian Basin, Guarani, and Ogallala to name a few
Are just some of the homes it flows through

Has been threatened by overuse
Target of conflict and political abuse

Being used heavily for irrigation and drinking
What a calamity if it's actually shrinking

A resource to which we all have a connection
Needs everyone's help to ensure its protection

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