Whittling our niche

Imagine what one doesn't see, Or hear, or feel, or experience, Through any one life On this blue-green globe. The choice we have is limitless, The path we choose to take, Governed by a potent mix Of genes and circumstantial fate.

Reality comes individually: A short, sweet glimpse, a minute amount, From oceans of people And deserts of place. Within some overall time-set frame We carve and whittle our niche, Discarding the remaining sequoia tree For the other seven billion to reach.

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