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NOTES: A poem by Eihei Dogen Zenji, written approx. 1242, translated  
by Taizan MAEZUMI, Roshi and Neal DONNER. It complements an earlier poem  
by  
Hung-chih Cheng-chueh [T'ien-t'ung Hung-chih ] (J.Tendo Wanshi)

The Buddha's essential functioning,  
the partriarchs' functioning essence,  
manifest without deliberation  
and accomplishes without hindrance.  
Manifesting without deliberation,  
its manifestation is intimate of itself.  
Accomplishing without hindrance,  
its accomplishment is realized of itself.  
Its manifestation, intimate of itself,  
has never been defiled.  
Its accomplishment, realized of itself,  
is neither absolute nor relative.  
The intimacy that is never defiled  
drops away without dependence.  
The realization that is neither absolute nor relative  
penetrates without intent.  
Clear water soaks into the earth;  
the fish swims like a fish.  
The sky is vast and penetrates the heavens;  
the bird flies like a bird.

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