

"Good Fish"

*after/sampling Hafez & Ms. Lauryn Hill
for Joy de la Cruz*

(on Hafez Day 12 October 2023)

If you're looking for
good fish, explore every
nuance of worth. Stay
worthy of this sea. Stay
worthy of this land.
Storm your presence—
How magnificent!

Sit with this verse for an hour.

You haven't felt this
way in years. Gather
wood for the open fire.
It doesn't matter what
you believe or feel, internal
instruments play the
same music like water.

Sit in this verse.

When you begin to realize
something beautiful, the
water streams down your
lifetime. I said, it does not
matter what you believe or
feel: you deserve to dance.

So, dance tonight.

Let intelligence begin
in the hands & feet. Let
good fish loose. & whenever
you dance with others, cherish
the last words, the water.