



*Homenaje a Louk Hulsman*

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*gardener of the world  
till the last moment open and connected  
always working towards more humanity*

## **Louk Hulsman**

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### **To Louk**

That he will  
wake up  
just before daybreak  
pick up a book  
some paper  
and a pen  
his glasses

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comb his hair  
and with his sandals  
and short trousers  
armed with a camera,  
opens the door, leaves  
and touches his garden  
in a soft breeze  
greet the birds  
lifts his leg over the side  
and his other leg  
in his vest  
sandwiches  
and a thermos of tea  
with his pocket-knife  
cuts the lines  
and slowly rises, dignified.  
People become ants  
cities, dots  
roads, hairs  
and lakes, drops  
until he, so high,  
higher than the birds,  
soaring in the vast sky  
oversees  
how many miracles the world is  
recognizes  
where all his friends live  
softly floating  
without any force and wind  
free and flowing  
on an unknown current  
to again new  
knowledge  
new ways of knowing

**Jehanne Hulsman**