



## The Next Chapter in this Great Story is Ours to Write

### CONSIDER

This 13.7 billion year adventure of the Universe continues in us today and tomorrow. It is a love story, a global dance, sometimes smooth, and sometimes quite turbulent. It defines who we are, and we contribute to the definition of what our universe is and can become. We are co-creators, rather than consumers, of a planet and a cosmos that is full of delight.

### REFLECTION

Meditate on the words of the song by Kathy Sherman.

*In this ONE story is all our stories,  
Full of promise and possibility!  
In this ONE story that we are learning  
Is hope for finding our true identity!  
So listen well, and open up your hearts.  
It's time for us to make a brand new start.  
Earth is waiting to see what humans will choose;  
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Consider the image and call to mind moments when you had a strong sense of communion with all that is. Consider, too, the meaning of the Christmas season in the Christian calendar- a time when we celebrate the oneness of the Sacred with all that is. As you draw together the threads of another calendar year, “touch the earth with gentleness; touch the earth with love; touch her with a future by the way you live today”.

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