

## Alone

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I always feel alone even among people,  
My days have become longer and nights come later,  
When I am alone with my thoughts  
Each of my thoughts becomes a friend to me.  
Even the leaves of that lone tree would turn yellow,  
If it didn't have support.  
I wish for the lion not to be alone,  
While it is the king, sultan of forests.  
If there were no fire, water could not boil in a pot.  
A bird cannot fly over a mountain with a single wing.

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