



Wilderness ways

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Head down I struggled.
Moving fast, great progress,
Battles won, ground gained.
Then summer came and I looked up.
I didn't recognise the scenery.
I couldn't see familiar ground.
Lost? A feeling of exposure.
Lost? Of vulnerability.
Lost? Of a daunting task ahead.
Lost? Wait a moment.
Lost? Stop. Stand still.
Lost? Take a look around.
Lost? New scenery.
Lost? A new opportunity.
A glint of light in the undergrowth;
A sound of running water;
A scent of green pastures;
A sense of possibility.
Lost? What joy!
Let me be forever lost.



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I trust that all Positive Vibes readers are having a great summer. For me, summer is always a time for reflection and for dreaming. Nearly always, I find myself with a quiet moment on holiday when my mind can wander.

This summer a combination of my wanderings and circumstances has placed me in quite a different place to the one I remember from the first half of the year.

The new place in which I stand feels strange. I face some exciting opportunities and, as yet, I don't know which ones will become reality and which will disappear even quicker than they came.

I know I don't have the time to personally tackle every opportunity, should they all materialise. But I do trust the process – including reliance on people around me.

Summer often changes the scenery. Perhaps it's because we have time to think and so do other people. I guess the more we engage with the world and the more we avail ourselves to its challenges, the more often we will feel lost. The more we are forced to let go of the past, the more we will embrace new opportunity.

If like me, the scenery has shifted in your business (or indeed in your family life), stand still in the midst of it all and take stock. If we were lost in a dense wood, we could be forgiven for feeling vulnerable or panicking. Alternatively, in the midst of the new challenge, we could choose to use our every sense to pick out the most rewarding path.