

**Embracing Redmond**      *Raúl Sánchez 11-14-2019*

To the East and to the West  
the splendors of Redmond  
growth vision developed by its people civic pride.  
Here professionals grow and beginners succeed  
Technology is a wealthy benefactor

The world gathers here, a tiny dot  
on Washington state's upper corner.  
West of Redmond across the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge,  
the automated jungle rises far away from Bear Creek  
or Salmonberg as it was known in yesteryears

The land where Luke Mc Redmond lived,  
of fishermen, and loggers.  
Vestiges of the old Eastern Railway,  
now signals park in the center of town.  
Redmond celebrates its people and nature  
where the Sammamish River becomes a lake.

In Redmond, culture, art, languages, all the flavors  
come to our table, along with music and dance  
Bharatanatyam, Bhangra, Kabuki, Jinta Mai  
Jarocho, Ranchero, Cumbia, Mambo and Bomba too  
we dance, dream and remember, the roots left behind.

From the micro-soft to the mighty strong  
like a Genie, lifting all through technology  
poetry, sculptures and popular art.  
We honor the Lushootseed people, guardians of this land  
along the Sammamish river following the bike trail

in spring and summertime. June to September  
when the weather is dry, have a picnic,  
with the Poets in the park, enjoy the art at So Bazaar.  
While November is wet, in December Redmond is full of lights.  
A flake or two of snow can add charm to the lighted trees in the parks

Redmond is the soulful place to be, all year round.