

They Cry

The mournful cry of seagulls fills a sky of vibrant blue
Distant clouds foretell a storm will soon be coming through
The air is charged and heavy with expectancy of ill
A wind of change is coming though right now the air is still
The last leaves on the greying trees seem tensed for what's to come
Your instinct is to leave but now there's nowhere left to run
The earth had swallowed poison over years from acts of man
Until she finally could not cope, that's when this end began

The seas are ripe with stinking fish trapped in plastic thread
The water's turned a dingy brown with foam of vibrant red
Whales and Dolphins beached themselves with no way left to live
In seas devoid of plankton and with no oxygen to give
The beach is tarred and littered with the bones of many species
Picked clean by hungry scavengers and covered with their faeces
Gulls and Rats and Roaches are now the only life to thrive
And even they've turned cannibal in order to survive

The ozone layer's broken up, fields are scorched and barren
The polar icecap's all but gone and they said that couldn't happen
But rising seas have swallowed so much of coastal land
That hills and even mountains now are highly in demand
People turned to violent acts to claim the last resources
Nation states have gone to war and mobilised their forces
But everything is too late now, survival's hopeful fiction
As War, disease and famine drive us on to mass extinction

The wind of change is rising to a deathly haunting roar
Ignore it at our peril and risk all we've known before
This future may not yet be fully cast in stone
But politics and ignorance will do nothing to atone
For centuries of sheer abuse by man upon the earth
Urgent change is needed or we'll get just what we're worth
It won't be us who'll pay the price but future generations
Will wail and curse the selfishness of us and all our nations

So many colours, so many tribes,
So many mouths to just keep alive
So much wealth in the hands of so few.
So much for humanity if that's all we can do
We reach for the stars and we save a few species
But the dangers are global for our daughters and nieces
They may miss the rhino and that would be tragic
For the sake of their future, please conjure some magic

It's so much more than charity that's needing to be done
The world lives under just one sky and needs to act as one
Learning from the past and the best science we can use
To nurture not just peace on earth but limit our abuse
Let all the wealthy nations support their poorer kin
Bypassing air pollution so all of us can win
Plant and maintain forestry that usage can sustain
Help the seas and air we breathe becoming clean again

Limit population growth and let the aged go
Help them live a better life but all of us must know
We're just not meant to live so long in taking precious space
From those we brought into the world to surely take our place
Our children are our legacy, the earth is theirs to keep
In trust for their own children the benefits to reap
No greater love it's said is felt than caring for our own
The test will be the selflessness we'll need to have shown

To let the earth recover and let our children live
No greater gift has anyone than this that we can give
My children and your children wherever you come from
Are really what's important, to them the earth belongs
Can we limit our consumption for the benefit of all?
And accept a fairer share of wealth or is that just too tall
An ask before it's proved too late
Sacrifice a little now or risk it all on fate

I'd like to say that I believe we all will do our part
That somewhere in amongst the greed there beats a caring heart
That politics will be swept aside in cause of common good
And all of our religions will play the part they should
In caring for the common man of every faith and creed
And nurturing the earth and all upon it to their needs
I'd like to say we'll win but I know one day we'll try
Meanwhile the winds are rising and like them I want to cry