

I Love Planet Earth

Are we being selfish with the ruination of our planet?
Bequeathing a spoiled Earth to our descendents.
Our legacy of greenness will only happen if we take
urgent and energetic counter-measures to rescue our planet.
Let us lose the passing the buck!
Let us be perspicacious and see the dangers!
The Sun, without which planet Earth would be lifeless.
Heaven's golden eye - the fulcrum of our solar system.
For billions of years its heat has hit the Earth and bounced back into space.
But now the heat is trapped in by the ozone layer -
hence the greenhouse effect and global warming.
Evaporation of our oceans, lakes and rivers.
The melting of our polar ice caps and the consequences thereof.
One way to look after our environment is to eat sustainably -
for food production is a major driver of wildlife extinction.
We love and need our food - and eating is like being loved:
but it causes circa a quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions,
and fifty-nine per cent of global biodiversity loss.
Farming animals for meat and dairy requires space:
so expansion of agricultural land has caused forest loss.
Our forests bullied into oblivion.
Is God looking down and frowning at meat production, which creates
more carbon dioxide than plants such as grains, legumes and vegetables.
A diet shift from meat-dominated to plant-based
is one way to lower our impact on the environment.
Please let us lose our blindness
and see the threefold benefits of going green:
the saving of our planet; healthier eating for us; reduction in food bills.
Complacency will surely mean
that the Earth will suffer. Act now! Go green!

Neil Newcombe