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## Only When the World is Flat

Ken Williams

Only when wallets gorged,  
materialism satiated,  
the majesty of the planet gone  
Will the insatiable be satisfied.

Only when the last tree falls,  
oceans deadened by acid rain,  
skies turned fallow  
will the drilling stop.

Only when the last brook runs polluted,  
the last river poisoned  
will profits  
cease to ruin.

Only when the innocence of children  
is replaced by asthmatic wheezing  
And children cry  
from scorched lungs  
Will Global Warming cease.

Only when Gaia whimpers  
her last breath  
Will our dying planet  
stop complaining  
And simply die.

Till then  
oceans collapse,  
glaciers melt to ice cubs,  
air turns deadly,  
deserts plow farmlands  
And trees lay fallow.

Welcome to man made hell.  
We didn't care enough, because  
denial was easier, because  
action was too hard, because  
we forgot our humbleness  
Forgot that we were Earth's stewards  
and not her exploiters  
Her shepherds

and not master to do what we dare  
All in the name of profits