

Amazon is burning

Amazon is burning and with it my heart is burning.
The fire was not created by slamming of two stones,
Nor did lightning fall from the sky
To create this mayhem of ravage.
Can Planet Earth, without the Amazon be envisioned?
The nuclear superpowers committed
To global security and safety of environment
Must save Amazon, the lungs of the globe.
We are living in an era of herd mentality
Where people care more for themselves
And lesser for what is around them.
Deforestation is affecting our oxygen supply,
Injuring our health and the pristine beauty of nature.
Our rainfall is threatened and with it our crops.
Thinkers of exceptional sensitivity,
Responsible botanists and men and women
Poised and savvy, shocked to the core
Are waiting for a panacea for this evil.
Like moth to flame, we are drawn
To the illusion of materialism
At the cost of putting Mother Nature on her knees.
Amazon, like the phoenix, rise from your ashes.
The orangutans are beating their chests,
The rabbits stunned and the colorful birds
Are fluttering their wings in agony.
So many species of animals and plants are affected.
May nations across the globe unite their efforts
To stop the burning and smoldering
Of our beautiful Amazon, so loving, so motherly.
Save Amazon



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