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Silent Night

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The stars swept behind the dark grey clouds
 The moon dared to peep from behind
 The hazy gathering clouds...
 Somewhere far away peeped out a lonely star
 But just as quickly ducked back as if frightened
 The heavy mantle of night engulfed the earth
 Twittering birds nestled into their nests
 Barking dogs curled beneath their master's chair
 As if afraid to stir;
 A low wailing sound gripped the air
 Somewhere close by hooted an owl
 Suddenly all was quiet
 A ghost like shadow crossed the path
 Chasing behind flowed the wind
 And silently settled on the sleepy buds
 Cozily clustered amongst the merry greens
 But soft! What figure was that shrouded in silky white?
 Crossing the threshold of my fancy bright?
 A sigh escaped my turbulent thoughts
 I found myself lying idly on my lonesome cot.

Recycling Earth

There is a hot dry wind blowing
 Perhaps it is restless to erase the odor
 Spreading around the world
 Nature dissected of its pearly virgin beauty
 To fulfill man's unsaturated greed
 Sheds unending, unshed tears

Oozing non- stop from every branch
 Laden with upturned leaves
 As if praying for relief
 The dried up tears trenched on the rugged barks
 Welcome the whelping sounds of the hot wind
 To man's ghastly wounds cast by roughened axes
 That smothers pain and agony
 The growls, the prowls of animals
 Immersed in the environment
 Whelping, weeping, mourning...
 The loss of those inhumanly departed
 Under the wrath of Mother Earth,
 The dried up layers of the earth's crust
 Marooned... evaporated... sucked
 No one to mourn or heal its ruptured heart
 Tilted, swaying on desiccated branches of hope
 The valleys drowned with rusty mist

Sliding on the drooping, echoing barriers of life
 Ruptured, bleeding
 Gazing into the wounds inflicted on Mother Earth
 Is God in heaven... recycling the earth?

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