

OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN

What are our children's children going to blame us for?

From the wastelands and the rotten cities, I can hear their cry.

As they gasp for air and search dry lands for clean water

They ask the pitiless questions, " How " & "Why?"

- **Why did you use those aerosols each year?**
- **And did you really still drive cars in twenty-twenty-four?**
- **How on earth could you so abuse the other species here?**
- **And why did you go on buying - selling - making more & more?**

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- **Was there not supposed to be a total freeze
on bombs and missiles, arms and nuclear war?**
- **And why did you let them cut down all the trees?**

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- **Please, Grand-daddy, tell us truly please,**
 - **Were there still bright sandy beaches here upon the shore?**
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- **Granny, why didn't you teach your growing boys that it's wrong to kill?**
 - **Why did you go on shipping filthy oil that spills upon the seas?**
 - **How did you fight to stop the factories spewing filth?**
 - **Why did you lose ? Did you really use up all your might?**
 - **Didn't the sight of aeroplanes flying, seals dying, others
trying, hungry babies crying, move you to do more?**
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- **You say you had a dream to follow; Life was hollow,**
- **Spirit called and urban lifestyles palled.**
- **So you changed your name and played the Transformation Game**
- **or tried to get rich and beat Them at Their game**
- **the result was just the bloody same.**

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- **Have you no shame ? Please explain exactly what you did?**
- **We feel that you should take the blame
for letting things go on the way they did.**

That's what are our children's children are going to blame us for.

- **It sounds as if you turned away, you went inside and tried to hide**
- **Felt so weak, or cried out that you only were a few.**
- **You lost the sight of all the shite that killed the trees,
the animals, the air, the seas, the birds & bees,
the insects and the people too.**

- **My God, why did you not take hold, stay "Stop" and stop the rot?**

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- You had such a lot of people, power & wealth. Yes, so much then.
- For you even had your health! You could have really had it made!
- You didn't act. You wrung your hands and just delayed!

That's what are all our children's children are going to blame us for.

- You made a pact with supermarket chains, the taste of wealth for economic gains and politician's claims that they were turning green.
- You should have seen where all of it would end: the shape of things to come: Cancer, AIDS, a planetary disease called "MAN", plastic bags and nuclear waste, the ozone hole, the Greenhouse heat, Chernobyl, using up the peat & coal, the rape of minerals, and all those lovely trees, Aiyeeeeee !

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**Our world is coming apart at the seams
and I know how I feel about my parent's dreams;
they got it so totally wrong it seems
that we feel that it's right to go and fight
and try to face their lack of grace
in a world that's now devoid of peace
and all the time we seem to find
we get it just as wrong as they did.**

So that's what are our children's children are going to blame us for.