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Nuggets of planetary truth

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Oh! The horrid global warming Life on earth is no more charming All across, there's climate change Nature spewing forth, all its rage

Mother earth purveys, all our needs Yet we fault it, with sordid deeds Pristine resources, we put on line To future we bequeath, none sanguine

Passion for non-renewables, a frontrunner Concerns for future, on backburner Resource overdraft is foolhardy Putting the lives ahead, in jeopardy

Smothering trees, with senseless greed Bothering hardly, for future need Razing the forests, without rue Can't have the cake and, eat it too Sky is the limit for corporate schemes Earth can't shore up, all those dreams Technologies surged to a cutting edge Yet, environmental issues we simply hedge

To overhaul ephemeral prosperity We firewall the lifelines to posterity Economy boom, nay, ecology doom Future hustled into a quagmire of gloom

Materialistic world in a malefic race Profaning resources, for an iconic place Industrial metabolism, going astray Planet's physics, in flustered array

Greenhouse gases, knocking the skies Planet's fever, reaching new highs Scars on earth are hard to hide For, the laws of earth been set aside

Distant hills are hardly smooth Climate change has unwrapped the truth Grass on far side, no more green Rising fever hath blown off the sheen

Land or ocean, mountain or air Diversity of biota, all in despair Affront on habitats, holding no bars Forlorn earth been, molding as Mars

With rising fever, oceans sway Crimson corals, blotching away Melting snows been fleeting to shores Polar bears onto, joining dinosaurs

Laid in stratosphere, the ozone layer Stands aloft, as hallowed savior Rived by noxious, emissions and sprays Lets the sun emit, harmful rays

To judge the nature's fury We have, none to sit on jury For, all of us stand in defense Due utter lack of earthly sense

To mitigate issues, the earth been beset Rev up actions, to restore its assets Take no more than, what you can replenish Conserve resources, for future to flourish Dr. Seshu is a former IRRI plant breeder (1976-93) and global coordinator, <u>International Network fo</u> <u>Genetic Evaluation of Rice</u> (INGER). He is now a consultant, International Agricultural Research, Rockville, Maryland, USA.

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