

Earth Speaks

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This is not a disaster movie:
no second takes
or Jake Gyllenhaal to save you.
Are you scared yet?

This is real: the suffering, the struggle,
the survival. Like exhaust fumes,
the truth is hard to swallow.
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Here's the Facebook livestream of all the
failed crops, the floods, and the famines.
You can't pause or rewind this apocalypse.
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Here's the proof, the evidence, the statistics,
rising like my temperature,
like the sea levels, like litter on the highway.
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I am suffocating from your fantasies and fairytales.
Hear the mermaids drowning in your oil spills?
See the unicorns choking on your plastic and greed?
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Go on, ignore me, turn a blind eye.
You are so very good at that.
Change.

Turn down the lights, turn up the volume:
speak, shout, scream until you need
my oxygen, until I can hear you.
Change.

Breathe. Listen.
Yesterday, exclusively third world countries.
Today, your next door neighbour.
Change.

Take off your boots,
lose your carbon footprint
and walk barefoot.
And just
change.