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On an Earth Day like today

On an Earth Day like today
I see a ray of light and sway.

I perceive a horizon that seeks
and speaks of health and happiness.

That pledges that the food we feast on,
and the water we drink are cheap and safe.

That safeguards that the air we breathe
and the goods we use are as harmless as possible.

On an Earth Day like today
I see a ray of light and sway.

I become wild with positivity and tenacity
when I see practices of rewilding and restoration.

The modest efforts to protect and respect local groups,
vulnerable wildlife and valuable ecosystems and species.

On an Earth Day like today, I plead for the people who seek
to slow the rate of global warming, pollution and deforestation.

There Must Be a Turnaround

As wildfires ruined and blazed
through the rich rainforest ...
a forest not far from folks
howled and flinched in fear
of a future of infinite fires,
it sought a climate turnaround.

Like flood victims, forest folks'
homes, health institutions, schools,
food sources, medicines, including
livelihoods or incomes were under siege.

When It Happened I Went Wild

Rewilding happened when they reverted
a managed area to the wild, a smart mode
of conserving things, for instance, it allowed
nature to mend or heal itself, to mind out
its processes in order to shape the future
of land and sea. I was wild with pleasure
when rewilding came about. I went wild!

Rewilding saw wildlife's natural cadences
animate and generate wilder, more biodiverse
environments as broken ecosystems were fixed,
ruined landscapes were repaired. I made out
the harmonies and remedies that begot healing.
My soul rehabilitated into hope as I saw examples
of rewilding in high populations of grazing animals
that were reduced so that vital trees and other plant life
could propagate. Forests were protected and expanded
to allow for biota to create and spread its tentacles, thus
increasing carbon storage. I saw people at the very centre
of the practice: their part, their cultural and economic links
to the land, and how they found means and ways to work
and live within healthy, happy and lively natural ecosystems.

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