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- ecology and other science information
- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

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**Poetry Corner**

**Summertime and the Living ain't so Easy**

by H. Ni Aodagain

On the West Coast  
we battle apocalyptic waves  
of fire, water, and earth

Forests burn the length of Oregon  
and California  
the streets of L.A. seep with water  
and all of us wait  
for the big one

the great quake  
that lies asleep under  
the Cascadian Subduction Zone

that two centuries ago  
swallowed villages whole  
like the yawning mouth  
of a mammoth whale

while in Baltimore, Ferguson  
and Henderson,  
Chicago and Cincinnati,  
black men and women  
fight for their lives  
in jail cells, on corners,  
selling cigarettes  
from the back of a paddy wagon  
and lose

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And it is the writer who  
speaks the truth, names  
the falsehoods,  
uncovers the lies

but now, in post post-capitalist  
Amerika  
the writer is told,  
"create a following,"  
look into the magic box  
and count the number of "likes"  
you get, before your voice is heard.

Revolution is too strong a word  
and has lost its meaning  
for those busy  
checking their Facebook

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Never mind that  
the bees are dying and  
we might run out of food

Never mind that,  
instead of talking about  
the 9.8 billion people the earth  
will need to support by 2050,  
we should be providing basic  
contraception to the women  
of the world free of charge, paid for  
by their local government

Are these radical ideas? You betcha  
'cause the last elephants/tigers/lions  
are being slaughtered  
by rich white men who deem it  
their right to hang trophies  
on the walls of their den

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and the Animas River  
turned toxic orange from a federal  
agency "screw up"

and it didn't snow  
in Ketchikan, Alaska  
last winter

and half the population  
of this country, the greatest  
nation on earth,  
buys their clothes at Goodwill,

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