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## **Blue Planet Governance**



The era of global *tragedy of the commons* ends.  
The new paradigm begins when Interdependent Regional Governments unite!  
To form a chaordic organization called,  
The **United Regions**  
Where coordinated expertise in Earth Science, Human-Nature and Economics  
Provide Regional Guidance to Maximize *Real Wealth*:

*Real wealth is a measurement of a robust ecology  
and of the general health and happiness of the people!*

## Chapter and Verse

While pondering the possibility of transforming governance to the inspiring idea of a central wheelhouse for the small blue dot we can call *Spaceship Earth*, it is sometimes useful to browse short excerpts from a wide variety of wise people, sometimes in the form of a poem. The futility of today's paradigm has been known by enlightened people for many decades. It is now-or-never time to build the framework for an escape plan, a vision of a sustainable world of people in harmony with our fellow species that form the web of life on *Spaceship Earth*, our one and only home.



*We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.*

-- Aldo Leopold, American environmentalist and author

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If we don't halt population growth with justice and compassion, it will be done for us by nature, brutally and without pity and we will leave a ravaged world.

~ Dr. Henry W. Kendall, Nobel Laureate

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"How we dare even prate about democracy is beyond me. Our form of democracy is bribery, on the highest scale. It's far worse than anything that occurred in the Roman empire, until the praetorian guard started to sell the principate. We're not a democracy, and we have absolutely nothing to give the world in the way of political ideas or political arrangements. God knows, the mention of justice is like a clove of garlic to Count Dracula."

~ Gore Vidal <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2011/12/12-2>

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"Indeed, I tremble for my planet, when I reflect that Nature is inflexible: that her response to our abuse cannot sleep forever."

~ Thomas Jefferson

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Men occasionally stumble on the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened. - Winston Churchill

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Any "shortage of resources" can also be expressed as a "longage of people."

Pat and Garrett Hardin.

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“The infrastructure of suburbia can be described as the greatest misallocation of resources in the history of the world. “

— **J.H. Kunstler**

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Nietsche said most succinctly: "Insanity in individuals is something rare, but in groups, parties, nations and epochs it is the rule."

“.....we are now living in a phase of history which is destined never to be repeated. For the fifth of the world population that lives in regions of machine culture it is a period of unprecedented abundance. And most of us who are a part of that fortunate one-fifth are so enamoured with the

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achievements of the last century and with the abundance which has been created that we believe the pace of achievement will continue uninterrupted in the future. However, only a cursory investigation of the present position of machine civilization is needed to uncover the fact that it is indeed in a precarious position. A cosmic gambler, looking at us from afar, would, in all likelihood give substantial odds in favour of the probability that it will soon disappear, never again to come into existence."

*"The Challenge of Man's Future"* by Harrison Brown; Viking 1954.

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"So while pessimism, especially if it morphs into depression, is likely to lead to passivity and brooding, optimism is more likely to lead to action. Indeed, one of the simplest and most effective treatments for depression is to turn this around so that instead of mood determining behaviour, behaviour determines mood. Acting in response to depression works from the 'outside-in'....It is vital to distinguish between illusion and delusion."

Clive Hamilton, writing about "unrealistic optimism" in *Requiem for a species*:

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".....the deep crisis faced by humanity - a crisis which we feel is different in kind from those of the past and which societies of today are ill-equipped to face with their bureaucratization, uncontrolled urban spread, insecurity of employment and loss of satisfaction in work, the alienation of youth, questioning of the values of society, violence and disregard of law and order, educational irrelevance, inflation and monetary disruption in the face of material prosperity, the unbridged gap between rich and poor within and between nations - to mention only a few."

*The Club of Rome - The New Threshold*

by Alexander King. U.S. Congressional Record, March 20th, 1973

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"...democracy cannot survive overpopulation. Human dignity cannot survive it. Convenience and decency cannot survive it. As you put more and more people into the world, the value of life not only declines, it disappears. It doesn't matter if someone dies. The more people there are, the less one individual matters."

-Isaac Asimov

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"Suddenly - virtually overnight when measured on a historical scale - mankind finds itself confronted by a multitude of unprecedented crises: the population crisis, the world food crisis, the environmental crisis, the energy crisis, the raw material crisis, to name just a few. New crises appear while the old ones linger on with the effects spreading to every corner of the Earth until they appear, in fact, as global, worldwide crises. Attempts at solving any one of these in isolation has proven to be temporary and at the expense of others; to ease the shortage of energy or raw materials by measures which worsen the condition of the environment means, actually, to solve

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nothing at all. The intensity of the crisis in global world development and the elusiveness of effective measures to bring about a solution challenge premises that have long been most fundamental in guiding the evolution of human society. Although these premises have paved the way for human progress in the past, they have also, finally, led to the present conditions. Mankind, therefore, appears to be at a turning point: to continue along the old road - that is to follow the traditional route, unchallenged into the future or to start on a new path. In the search for such a new direction, the old premises must be re-evaluated."

*"Mankind at the Turning Point"*

by Pestel and Mesarovic; Dutton, 1974.

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"A species that is unable to control its own numbers, as is our case, is doomed - or it will be brought back to size by forces outside its control..... The stronger man has felt that he was the more he has attacked nature and isolated himself from it, with the result that he has over-exploited it and trampled it underfoot, thus wounding and weakening his own environment..... Modern man has rapidly and radically transformed his small corner of the universe, but has failed to make a parallel adjustment in himself; he has kept his old concepts of the world - of himself and his place in it - that he inherited from past centuries. He has not updated his values, his taboos, his totems, his ways of thinking or his modes of action. So he has gotten out of step with the realities of his own doings. All of the world species adjust to mutations in their environment by genetic evolution, failing which they disappear. However, in our species, genetic evolution would be too slow. Man must either learn to evolve culturally or he risks disappearing."

*"Facing Unprecedented Challenges"*

by Aurelio Peccei; IIASA, 1980

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"Depletion of fossil fuel resources presents the most serious challenge of this technological age. The right answer must be found, or extremely grave problems affecting world peace and stability will engulf us all at the turn of the century".

*Energy and Human Needs* Sir Samuel Curran (1980).

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"If the situation of the industrial countries is destined to become particularly difficult, the outlook for the overall global situation is truly dramatic. While population problems are growing tremendously, preparations to cope with them are still practically nil - even for so close a deadline as the year 2000. We have not even begun to recognize the unprecedented nature and the colossal dimensions of the inescapable task of housing, educating and feeding the supplementary population.....that will be added to that so badly served today. In general we are mesmerized by the immediate and thus most striking problems, some of which are indeed very serious..... But we are not confronting the long-term global problems on which humanity's very fate depends".

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*100 Pages for the Future*

by Aurelio Peccei: Pergamon, 1981.

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"The scale and complexity of our requirements for natural resources have increased greatly with the rising levels of population and production. Nature is bountiful, but it is also fragile and finely balanced. There are thresholds that cannot be crossed without endangering the basic integrity of the system. Today we are close to many of these thresholds; we must be ever mindful of the risk of endangering the survival of life on Earth. Moreover, the speed with which changes.....are taking place gives little time in which to anticipate and prevent unexpected effects".

*Our Common Future* Bruntland Commission; Oxford, 1987.

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"We are now faced with a task that is more difficult than anything we have ever contemplated: to decide how we may continue to live on this small planet. Any departure from ecological balance that destroys most of the remaining life on earth - and the big killing is under way - will mean that we are doomed to a similar fate. In other words it is imperative that we learn to live in balance with all the world's complexities. Humankind has never before been faced so urgently with such a challenge - but face it we must, or life on this planet, for human beings, may become unsupportable."

*Planet Under Stress: The Challenge of Global Change*

edited by Constance Mungall and Digby J. McLaren; Oxford, 1990.

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"The tragedy of the human condition is that we have not yet reached a position to realize our potential. We see the world and its resources being grossly mismanaged, yet we are lulled by the complacency of our leaders and our own inertia and resistance to change. Time is running out. Some problems have already reached a magnitude which is beyond the point of successful attack and the costs of delay are monstrously high. Unless we wake up and act quickly, it will be too late."

*The First Global Revolution*

by Alexander King and Bertrand Schneider; Pantheon, Sept., 1991.

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Disaster capitalism is according to Naomi Klein "...orchestrated raids on the public sphere in the wake of catastrophic events, combined with the treatment of disasters as exciting market opportunities." (6) It has its origins in the "Chicago School" of economics made famous and perpetuated for decades by University of Chicago economics professor, Milton Friedman, who actually coined the phrase "shock treatment" to describe the psychological pummeling of societies and individuals who might stand in the way of or could be made more useful to the advancement of corporate goals. One recent example was the dramatic use of shock and awe, including using those very words to describe it, against the nation of Iraq during the invasion by

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the U.S. in 2003. A more recent example to which Klein devotes a great deal of attention is the devastation of New Orleans during and after Hurricane Katrina.

Quote from reviewer of Niomi Klein's '07, *Shock Doctrine* on the subject of  
Disaster Capitalism - Microcosm and Macrocosm

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"Taking no action to solve these (global) problems, is equivalent to taking strong action. Every day of continued exponential growth brings the world system closer to the limits of that growth. A decision to do nothing is a decision to increase the risk of collapse. We cannot say with certainty how much longer mankind can postpone initiating deliberate control of his growth before he will have lost the chance for control. We suspect, on the basis of present knowledge of the physical constraints of the planet that the growth phase cannot continue..... Again, because of the delays in the system, if the global society waits until those constraints are unmistakably apparent, it will have waited too long".

*"The Limits to Growth"*

by Dennis and Donella Meadows; Potomac Associates, 1972.

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"Based on energy usage data in national energy archives, calculations indicate global carrying capacity to be about 500 million. Skyrockets have no renewable energy, so everyone knows the carcass will crash to Earth when the stored sunshine has been spent. For the past 200 years our societal rocket ride has been fuelled primarily with non renewable fossil energy. Visions of continued growth beyond the next few decades are fuelled with false hope. Technology has brought us many wondrous things but it has failed to bring a clean and endless supply of energy. We approach the apogee."

*ENERGY: And the Skyrocket Society* by Don Chisholm,  
*CACOR Proceedings, December, 1995.*

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"I am trying to understand why we have difficulty thinking about the environment as something that surrounds us and of which we are a part and why, instead of seeing it this way, we have been tending to think of it as a separate factor, one more issue that confronts us and complicates our politics."

Gail Stewart, *CACOR Proceedings* 1.9., March, 1994.

"We find we are now faced with a task that is more difficult than anything we have ever contemplated: to decide how we may continue to live on this small planet. For if we depart from ecological balance to the extent that we destroy most of the remaining life on earth, then, surely we are dooming ourselves to a similar fate."

Digby McLaren, *CACOR Proceedings*, 1.10, June, 1994.

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“To primitive humans, nature was all-powerful, overwhelming, life-giving yet threatening at the same time. For all practical purposes it was, as a whole, abundant and limitless. One of the major intellectual developments of the 20th Century is the realization that nature, or more precisely, the Earth System is finite, that it is not limitless. From now on, we will always have to be mindful of this fact.”

Jerzy A. Wojciechowski *CACOR Proceedings, 1.17, March, 1996.*

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"When one species attains a position of dominance over all the other species in the ecology of its planet, if it is both egocentrically greedy, and has a powerful set of technologies through which to amplify the expression of that greed, then unless that dominant species can find a way to limit or to transform itself and its greed-based systems into something more wholesome, it will foul its planetary nest as surely as the night follows the day ... perhaps even to its own extinction."

A statement synthesized from the writings of ecologist Gregory Bateson and visionary science fiction writer Olaf Stapledon

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Specialization can lead to the loss of direction, or to forget the original intention. This can happen in any field from Transcendental meditation, to dieting, to scientific pursuits, to architectural design. ....It is difficult for us to assume the correct view point; the superheated and explosive economic, social, and scientific growth of the past two generations has left many who have grown up in this era convinced that a world without limits is the norm. It has, for many, been their only experience of the world, the idea of a perpetual and limitless expansion has shaped our marketplace, economic planning, and social life, and they form the background of science and the humanities. Our politicians promise as much as possible; our scientific endeavour is unchecked by traditional perspective; and our culture is the best educated, wealthiest in history, and one of the most spiritually illiterate.

Robert Ornstein (r23 p184)

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Thomas Berry in a discussion of why we pursue economic growth states:

“We could describe our industrial society as a counterproductive, addictive, paralyzing manifestation of a deep cultural pathology. Mythic addictions function something like alcohol and drug addictions. Even when they are obviously destroying the addicted person, psychic fixation does not permit any change in the hope that the continued addiction will at least permit momentary survival. Any effective cure requires passing through the agonies of withdrawal. If such withdrawal is an exceptional achievement in individual lives, we can only guess at the difficulty at the civilizational or even the global scale.”

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“We now begin to realize, however, that the planet Earth will not long endure being despised or ignored in its more integral being, whether by scientists, technologists or saints: nor will it submit forever to the abuse it has to endure. Already the earth is taking away the oxygen we breathe, the purity of the rain, our protection from cosmic rays, the careful balance of our climate, the fruitfulness of the soil.. Finally we begin to recover a reverence for the material out of which we were born, for the nourishing context that sustains us, the sounds and scenery, the warmth of the wind and the coolness of the water – all of which delight us and purify us and communicate to us some sense of sacred presence. In the twentieth century this reverent attention hardly exists, nor can it exist in any vital mode until the spirituality of the new ecological age begins to function with some efficacy.”

*Dream of the Earth*

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We may well call it 'the tragedy of the commons,' using the word 'tragedy' as the philosopher Whitehead used it: 'The essence of dramatic tragedy is not unhappiness. It resides in the solemnity of the remorseless working of things.

---Garrett Hardin,\*THE TRAGEDY OF THE COMMONS\*

### **Poems:**

by [Louis Hoffman](#)

*This video lecture explores how poetry can be used to facilitate self-exploration and self-awareness. This is part 2 in a series of lectures on poetry, healing, and growth.*

[Poetry & Intrapersonal Processes: Poetry as Facilitating Self Exploration and Self-Awareness \(Poetry, Healing, & Growth - Lecture 2 of 6\)](#)

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### **The Earth Laughing and Think Like A Tree**

Sometimes the emotional charge of poetic language conveys messages about the environment or population in a way that facts and data cannot do. Once our feeling centre is activated, information we have previously been exposed to, but that lies dormant, stifled or disconnected, can be made to resonate. Poetry, like the arts in general, offers us new perspectives, ones that can provide guidance when enough of us openly acknowledge the true state of our world. We can all benefit by learning to “think like a tree.”

Dr. Karen I. Shragg provides us with an important voice in “The Earth Laughing.” Dr. Shragg is the manager/naturalist of Wood Lake Nature Center in the City of Richfield, Minnesota. She is an author of several books, including the children's book *A Solstice Tree for Jenny*, and co-author of *Nature's Yucky*. She co-edited *Tree Stories, A Collection of Extraordinary Encounters with*

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Warren Jacobs, where the poem "Think Like a Tree" was first published. Karen writes a column called Radical Rant for the Buffalo Bull, the NAI regional newsletter for naturalists.

### ~~ **The Earth Laughing** ~~

I woke up on this beautiful  
Earth Day morning and heard  
the Earth laughing  
Her lilacs were shaking  
Her tulips were full of dew from her tears  
Dropped of a nervous laugh  
Not a joyful one  
A laugh that comes from a place  
of disbelief  
As her soaring eagles observed  
The holes drilled into her oceans  
The caverns dug into her mountains  
The efforts to squeeze the last drop  
Of resources out of her  
Gave her reason to laugh  
The kind of what-are-you-thinking laugh  
And she laughed with a shudder of  
mourning dove wings at this peculiar species  
This two legged creature so smart in some ways  
So naïve in others..  
"To have conquered flight  
To have reached my moon  
To tap into my resources and turn them into  
Schools and libraries, to hospitals and universities  
Speaks to your cleverness"  
she said through a whisper of a cloud  
"But to behave as if I can keep up with your inventions  
To act as if I have enough fuel to fund your  
Never ending wars  
To ignore the signs of your damage which  
Are melting my icecaps drowning my islands and  
Killing my polar bears as you  
populate my landscapes far beyond their capacity.  
My water cycles' ability to quench your thirst  
Is at best naïve and at worst self-destructive  
I am exhausted!  
Please know I cannot offer what you demand of me  
I cannot offer infinite resources that took me  
Billions of years to create  
I cannot offer you  
What you ask of me, by the 9,000 more of you added per hour

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For my resources cannot supply  
An endless stream of you and your modern ways  
And the more of you that get that in your hearts  
    As well as your heads  
The sooner I will heal and be able to sustain  
A saner number of you and my other creatures  
    which aren't as clever  
    Or naïve."

~~~Think Like a Tree~~~  
    Soak up the sun  
    Affirm life's magic  
    Be graceful in the wind  
    Stand tall after a storm  
    Feel refreshed after it rains  
    Grow strong without notice  
    Be prepared for each season  
    Provide shelter to strangers  
    Hang tough through a cold spell  
    Emerge renewed at the first signs of spring  
Stay deeply rooted while reaching for the sky  
    Be still long enough to  
    hear your own leaves rustling.

### IT CAN BE DONE

Somebody said that it couldn't  
    be done.  
But he with a chuckle replied:  
That "maybe it couldn't, but  
    he'd would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd  
    tried.  
So he buckled right in with a  
    trace of a grin  
On his face.  
If he worried, he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled  
    the thing,  
That couldn't be done – and he did it.  
Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never  
    do that –  
At least no one has ever done it."  
But he took off his coat  
    and he took off his hat,

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And the first thing we know,  
    he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a  
    bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or  
    quidding,  
He started to sing as he tackled  
    the thing  
That couldn't be done -  
    and he did it.  
There are thousands who'll tell  
    you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands who  
    prophesy failure,  
There are thousands to point out  
    to you, one by one,  
The dangers that wait  
    to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Take off your coat and go to it.  
Just start to sing as you  
    tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done" - and you'll do it.

Anonymous

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### **The Magical Child**

I am Men,  
The Eagles vision and dream  
Gather about me winged ones, to take your place  
Upon the currents of our divine purpose.  
Soar with the flow of consciousness in my massive wings.  
Let us glide in the expansiveness of planetary mind  
Carving our the pathway of timeless beauty for all to follow/  
Spread your precious wings,  
Sweet, blessed Eagles of the new Sun of Flowers!  
Flow with me on the shimmering crest  
of the new reality emerging,  
and together create  
the joyfully awaited garden of the world.  
Feel my song stirring in every cell,  
it's refrain quickening you into resonance  
with the golden octave now sounding  
through the consciousness of the Earth,  
Gaia, singing like a crystal  
in the brilliant light of luminous love.  
Through you Gaia, I also am transformed..  
I, too, am awakening

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as the return of divine love and light  
We are one!  
I am Men.  
My gentle sound and touch ripple like waves of healing silk  
upon the wounded body of the Earth.  
I am the crystal singer  
at the heart of the labyrinth  
those whose crystalline core magically transforms this vibration  
into the splendor of planetary mind.  
**Hear my impassioned call,**  
O radiant children of the Sun!  
Lift with me the collective mind,  
for we are the weakeners, the transformers!  
Let the flowing beauty and power of my wings  
inspire you to ascend to our committed purpose!  
Find the gate of "I cease,"  
the place where there is not "other".  
Remember, alliance of the faithful of the starts,  
sun runners, your commitment  
to hold the light high in this time.  
Find the living consciousness of God within you.  
Like a florid foundation, this place flows  
with the elixirs of compassion  
to create our ascended Earth!  
Merge with the sublime vibration  
that lays the song of ecstasy ever so gently  
upon the yearning spirit of the Earth, Terra Gaia.  
This, my beloveds, is your to do!  
Build thy inner and outer temples, and adorn them  
with the precious gifts you have carries  
with you for so long.  
On the winds created by the movement of my mighty wings,  
hear me,  
feel me,  
Let us begin!

Written by Ariel Spilsbury & Michael Bryner from "The Mayan Oracle"

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# Tracy Mohr 2011-11-22 15:56  
Sacred Warriors Vow

The vow of every warrior  
Who ever rode the plains  
To protect the children  
Forever will remain.  
Those hearts full of courage  
Promised to defend  
The Elders and Life Givers,  
Until the bitter end.  
Those times are a memory,  
To many, a bygone day,  
But a new Sun is dawning

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Upon the Warrior's Way  
The peaceful Warriors awaken,  
Their hearts hear the cry,  
Their eyes embrace the vision,  
Found in Brother Eagle's eye.  
They rise from every Nation,  
Ready to claim the right,  
To stand as men of courage,  
The defenders of the light.

*Earth Medicine: 'Ancestors' Ways Of Harmony For Many Moons*  
*Jamie Sams*

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<http://www.sciencerhymes.com.au/environmental-poetry>

Australian artist [Sharon Davson](#) is passionate about the beauty of our world. In 1990 she founded a charity to highlight endangered species awareness. More recently, she was one of the sponsors for Pat Farmer's Pole to Pole run, which raised funds for Red Cross Water projects. Described as a personal globalist, her paintings often feature environmental and humanity issues.

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