

MELTING FROZEN JEWELS

God's bountiful creation,
our hearts with wonder fill,
held now in contemplation
with mind and body still.
Diversity of creatures,
varieties of plants
for our delight displayed here
that we may be entranced.

Among the host of creatures
just who am I but one?
Yet you and I together
the world have overrun.
We've stained its glorious beauty,
good habitats are lost,
exploited or polluted
at devastating cost.

Our planet's overheating
through burning fossil fuels;
all round the seas are rising
from melting frozen jewels.
Where will the plants and creatures
find refuge to survive?
Without their diverse presence
have we the will to thrive?

It's not too late God shows us,
and science also tells,
to change our ways of living
pollutants to dispel.
Jesus, in mercy lead us
consumers of excess
from fouling our surroundings
to making do with less.

Earth, air and seas defiled,
God calls us to restore
for future generations
to wonder at once more.
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that they may be entranced.

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