

Sonnets to the earth

Through it all you have supported us, mother,
Cared for us through thick and thin you've been there,
Or at least allowed us to support each other,
We built our future, our visions, on your care,
But that stability is going now,
That future, looking so bright, darkened quick,
Our presence in our homes, the storms won't allow,
The fires destroy, the diseases make sick,
It all spreads, becomes more common, becomes worse,
But we can no longer just look to the future,
People die, it's on us now this curse,
Peoples dreams today, this crisis does capture,
Stop making it worse, that's of course essential,
But what of the damage already done, nothing at all?

The earth's out of balance, if that not clear,
Today, everything is worse than yesterday,
Us who cry today, why do they not hear,
And if they do, will they do anything but say,
But there must be something to do to save,
The suffering from the unbalance today,
Stop those who, damage already done, go to the grave,
Something to protect you from the mistakes of yesterday,
We know how to not make those same mistakes,
Do we listen? No, not really,. But at least we know,
But what of reversing the mistakes of the past, for future's sakes
What of reversing the warming already done, No?
We can do it if we want to restore,
Remove what we put in, and for eternity store.

Imagine the future, later in our lives,
First, one we do nothing, apocalypse hit,

The problem gets worse and worse, the economy dives,
Millions on millions suffer, die, floods, famine, war, drought, death with it,
The second, one of decisive action, 1.5 degrees,
Worse than today, sure, but not a dystopia,
Except for those that worse storms, floods, droughts, famines seize,
We can't overlook how much the vulnerable will suffer,
The third, a future, a world, restored,
Not only 1.5 degrees, but beyond net zero,
And carbon removed, this problem cured,
The climate improved from today, we'll be the hero,
Which path we choose is up to us, our future in our hands
So shouldn't we restore, and we will reach the promised lands.