
A Poem for Klaatu

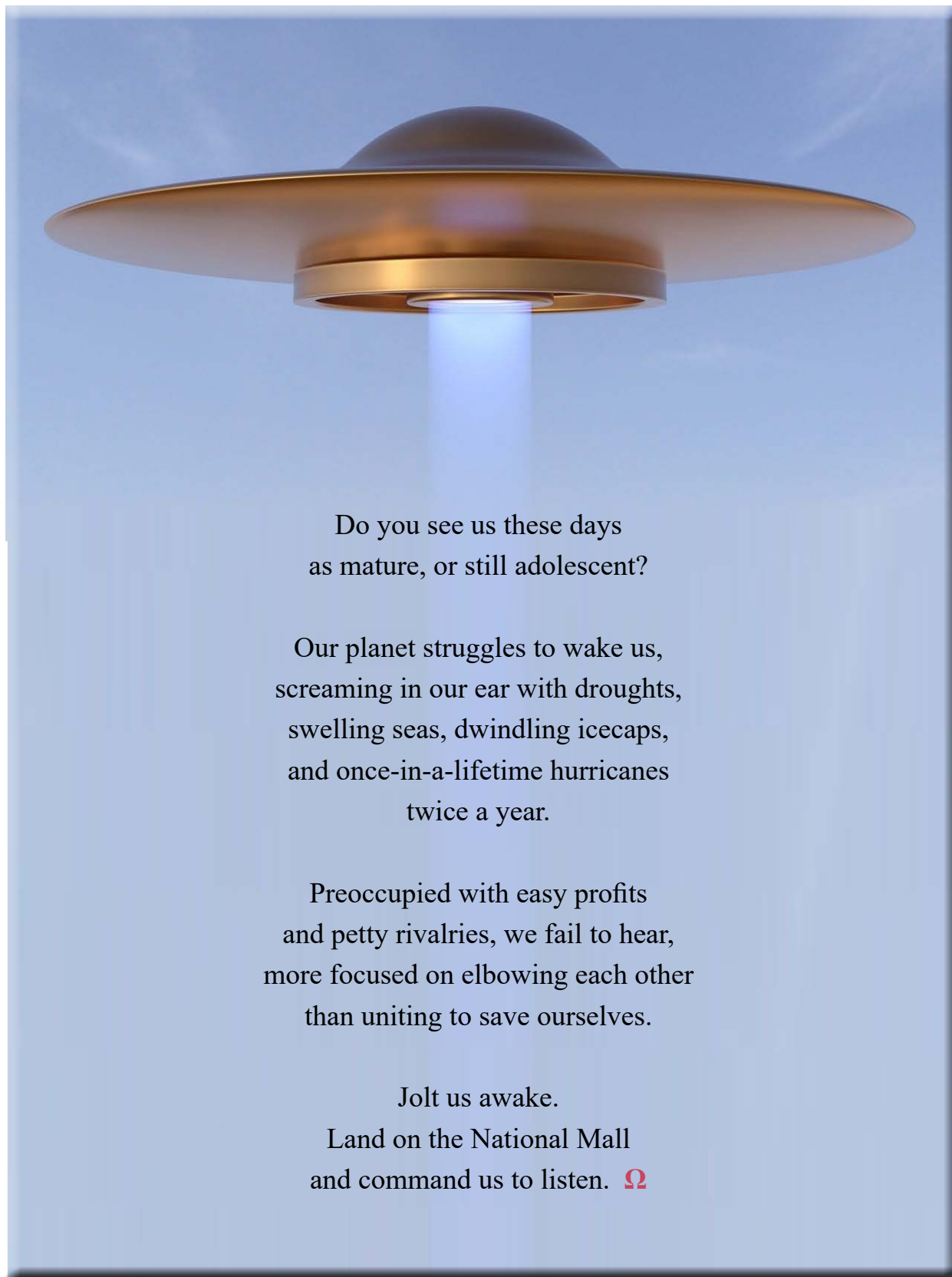
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Do you see us these days
as mature, or still adolescent?

Our planet struggles to wake us,
screaming in our ear with droughts,
swelling seas, dwindling icecaps,
and once-in-a-lifetime hurricanes
twice a year.

Preoccupied with easy profits
and petty rivalries, we fail to hear,
more focused on elbowing each other
than uniting to save ourselves.

Jolt us awake.
Land on the National Mall
and command us to listen. Ω