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- natural resources
- 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

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

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

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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