

Voice of Hope

by Tina Drake

Loss of heart brings pain and torment
A voice that seeks to harm and hurt
Each day dragged through the mud,
A life not wanted.
Each moment a voice speaks inside.
Voice louder and louder threatens to kill
Strength of voice rises to the surface.
New life, new voice, new heart
Each day happy and full.
Every moment of life lived true.
What voice once lost now found,
That which was lost now is gained.
Heart heals whole yet a body claimed.
Creation by one's own hand
Brings calm to the voice of hope.

Portland Spring

by Aileen McPherson

I see you there under the cherry blossoms fair
a cocoon of despair, lying silent in cold morning air.
As the sun shines, eyes hide, burned, blurred, then
the rain strains bodies and brains, making depressions drain.
While bipolar weather screams at every
passing being, get in, get out, it has NO idea
what to do but scream and shout.

Earthworm Earth Day 2012

by Leonard Cain

Please, as we celebrate and promote Terra Firma Day
Let's imagine in rhyme what might a lowly earthworm say.

Quickly at birth, I popped out of a cocoon womb;
No need for to see or hear in my underground room.

Scholars call my species lumbricus terrestris;
Was reproduced by my species rep, called mister/mistress.

Early taught the aphorism, "Early bird gets the worm."
Thus, was taught to be cautious, to wiggle and to squirm.

Curiosity led me to observe the enemy robin,
My slimy body a-weavin', my head a -bobbin'.

Been told I have a reddish tinge, 'cause hemoglobin
Makes me a gourmet food, for my dread foe robin.

We also serve as food for fish and other animals;
No evidence that we perform as heartless cannibals.

Leave body wastes and eat soil, sand, tiny pebbles;
Roam in darkness, make tunnels, behave like rebels.

Move through earth beneath the surface, labor hard and toil,
Serve persons, bring compost, aerate and drain the soil.

Favorite travel to visit vegetable garden;
If disturb ant home or beetle bed, ask for pardon.

But I've never spread disease, carry not one germ.
So, don't say another's as bad as a mere earthworm.

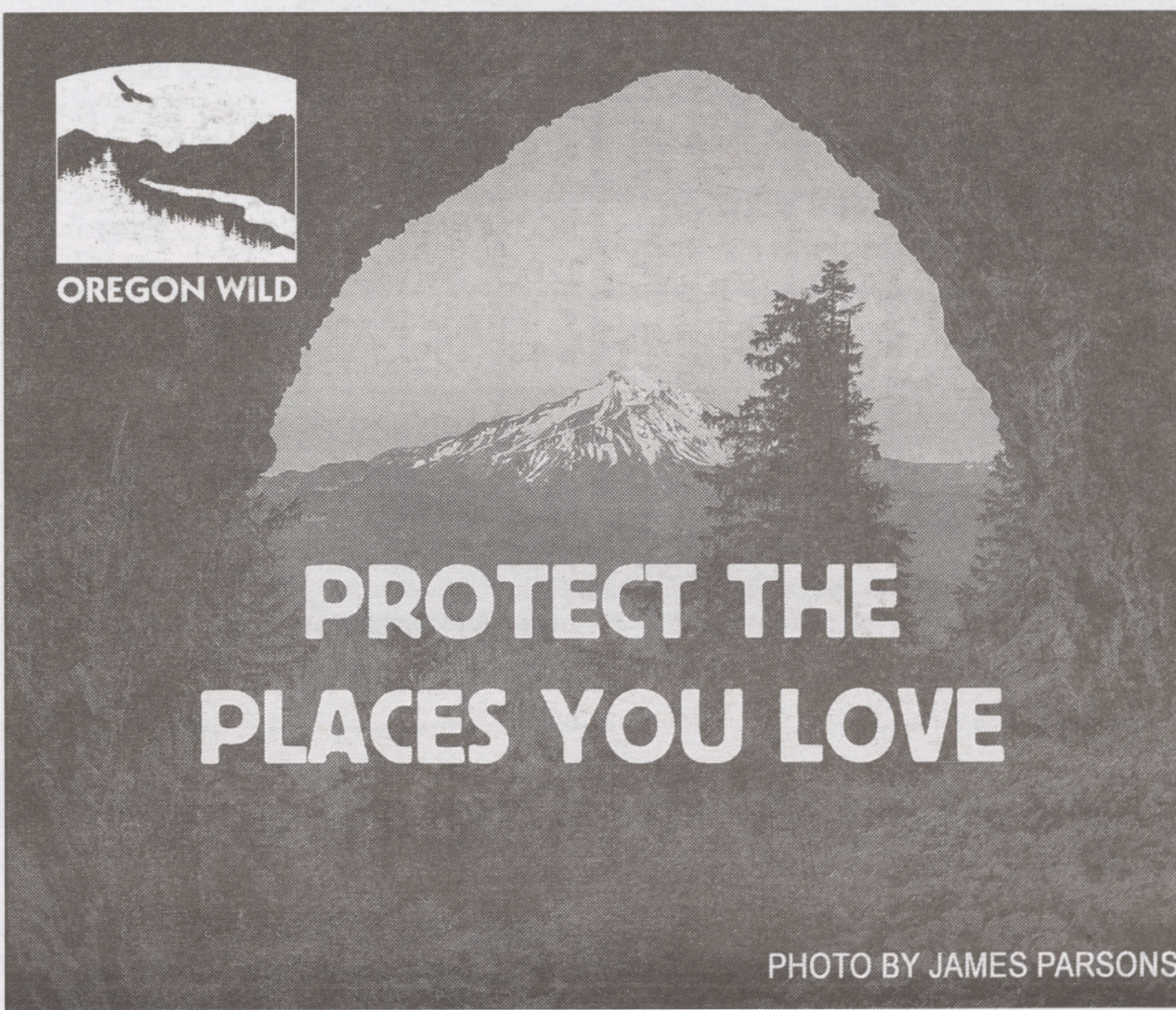
So, celebrate, as stated, Terra Firma Day.
Remember, through time, what might a lowly worm say.



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