

***AMAZON IS BURNING***

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Amazon is burning and with it, my heart is burning.  
The fire was not created by slamming of two stones,  
Nor did lightning fall from the sky  
To create this mayhem of ravage.

Can Planet earth without the Amazon be envisioned?  
The nuclear super powers committed  
To global security and safety of environment  
Must save Amazon, the lungs of the globe.  
We are living in an era of herd mentality  
Where people care more for themselves  
And lesser for what is around them.

Deforestation is affecting our oxygen supply,  
Injuring our health and the pristine beauty of nature.  
Our rainfall is threatened and with it our crops.  
Thinkers of exceptional sensitivity,  
Responsible botanists and men and women  
Poised and savvy, shocked to the core  
Are waiting for a panacea for this evil.  
Like moth to flame, we are drawn  
To the illusion of materialism  
At the cost of putting Mother Nature on her knees.

Amazon, like the phoenix, rise from your ashes.  
The orangutans are beating their chests,  
The rabbits stunned and the colorful birds  
Are fluttering their wings in agony.  
So many species of animals and plants are affected.

May nations across the globe unite their efforts  
To stop this burning and smoldering  
Of our beautiful Amazon, so loving, so motherly.  
Save Amazon!

**Bio**

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