The demise of mother earth

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1. Quarter of a century have I been
Witness to a world healthy and vibrant
Slow decadence seems to set unseen
But to a discerning eye clearly apparent
2. Forests are denuded, foliage thin and sparse
Where forest giants raised their hands to heaven
Today only parched land or a few blades of grass
Which can aptly be described as near clean shaven.
3. Our feathered friends in towns and villages
Seem to be suffering due to man's ravages
Where are the trees for them to rest
Where are places in a long journey to rest.
4. The sparkling waters of a stream crystal clear
The forests nurtured and invited us to dip or drink
Muddy pools in place of streams made me shed a
tear
Aren't we close to a disaster's brink?
5. The oceans waters are getting increasingly acidic
Harming the corals which grew prolific
CO₂ emissions are villains the main
Created by man 'civilized' but not sane.
6. Exploiting the planet not sparing a thought
Whether she can withstand this relentless onslaught
What will be leaving behind for future of humanity
Only examples of selfish humans' insanity
7. Where are the flowers for the bee and butterfly
Where are they to soothe a baby's cry
Only pictures and videos remind us of the past
That we thought would forever last!
8. Plastics and polythene fill the gut of fish and fowl
Of even elephants and deer and crocs on the prowl
Ocean beds with flora and fauna once replete
Show a steady decline before devastation complete
9. Weedicides and insecticides pollute water and land
Veggies sprinkled with chemicals of many a brand
Insect pollinators are scarce from infertility or
poisoning
Farm produce hence is steadily declining
10. Rhinos and tigers are killed for beliefs irrational
Elephants' precious ivory used for curios ornamental
Bestowing curative properties on worthless dead
tissues
When will man see these as worthless issues
11. Before the end of the 21st century
The world will die from neglect and injury
Unless the civilized and the sane take preventive
action
Mortally wounded the world would be beyond
redemption.

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