**shattering-earth**

shattered heat records worst since first records/ shattered seas oceans new heat level records/ at a depth of 700 metres/ and all way way down 2,000 metres/ shattered Arctic sea ice max the smallest/ since consistent records min fourth smallest/ shattered record co2 emissions/ full 43% over the level/ pre-industrial fierce heatwaves killing/ many thousands folk much suffering/ shattered the highest sea level records/ many locations new rainfall records/ shattered tropical cyclone records storm/ Patricia in Atlantic in strongest form/ and eastern north Pacific wind sustained/ at a 2 1 5 mph speed/ carbon releases are the highest since/ the age of the dinosaurs you convince/ 66 million years ago then 1/ billion tonnes emitted per year now 10/ the consequences may be more severe/ than any time since dragon-lizards here

"the future is happening now" official/ the impacts widespread irreversible

said we are in a "no analogue state"/ whatever sounds like a hell of a state

ocean acidification too fast/ many species can't adapt fast won't last

widespread future mass extinctions coming/ the wildlife we are already killing

at the same rate as past mass extinctions/ but then meteors earthquakes volcanoes

humans have created a new era/ Anthropocene thus brings the end nearer

the dire consequences global warming/ on so very few brains are yet dawning

steady warming doesn't mean steady change/ can be rapid unexpected and strange

if mass methane exits the permafrost/ we and the lovely earth will all be lost

shattered the peace and love of the planet/ that has now allowed war and hate to span it

GAIA ancient Greek Earth Mother Goddess/ suffers now under new stress dress duress

Greed Arrogance Ignorance Aggression/ the rich people of the world's oppression

wealthy states have destroyed the fabric gates/ opened a space for Isis terror fates

innocent inhabitants of the world/ see an unjust unruly fate unfurled

all the beautiful flora and fauna/ are to be ever even forlorner

if any survive on a dead planet/ because that seems to be how we plan it

no right leave sole soul home so tattered/ but even far worse than that - it's shattered

shattered foundations of the earth lie die/ destroyed in relative blink of an eye

shattered everything we love and now miss/ shattered all the lives that have gone a-miss

shattered hopes and so many of our dreams/ endgame nigh it seems to be full of screams

shattered the nightmare now all in ruins/ the bad dream of all our evil doings

Fin de Partie Beckett's party over/ but we should have been living in clover

hoping we could change the end of the game/ but only destroyed the world just the same

without Gaia we don't listen but err/ shattered hearths of past bastions of her

all the lovely trees going down the pan/ fault of particularly stupid man

the final moves are now sure on the way/ a desperate dawn down Antarctic way

the few survivors trying to land/ blown out of water by rich's last stand

refugee replay crisis worse this day/ the end of all things such a wasted stay

could have had beauty poetry truth love/ but all we've got is the last push and shove

shattered our one home in the universe/ end of all art and music prose and verse

to destroy the earth didn't seem averse/ all we did only made it all far worse

if only we could change our stupid ways/ live on for many more wonderful days

this world could be a paradise magic/ The Tempest isle redemption not tragic

but all these lives now in the balance/ can we create for selves second chance

looking for people to make that last stance/ we shall have to love and to live and to dance

shattered the refugees from western wars/ in the future it will only get worse

eco-economic migrants fleeing/ places where helpless people are starving

and drowning like the polar bears to be/ and many many more with rising sea

wars go nuclear as world's key players/ compete for the fast-shrinking resouces

shattered remnants of time we have to be/ we thought we could live for eternity

washed up on last desolate beach of life/ no more peace love-in fin-ished planet strife

like fish out of water in cod trusted/ chips down and out in Paris done dusted

RIP-tides-and-time left us battered/

shattered shattered. shattered.. shattered... shattered....

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