

every day is earth day

what if *we went to the animal fair*
and none of *the birds or beasts were there*

if the sky took off her skirts on a whim
what kind of party would happen then

if the sun got drunk had too much to drink
would this be fun what do you think

would the ocean keep doing her rock and roll
or fold up her beaches and let the fish go

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have you ever heard cicadas sing
watched a caterpillar doing its thing

or sat in a forest breathing fresh air
can you imagine if forests weren't there

what if the grass picked up his mat
walked out of the yard refused to come back

what if instead of rich soil there were dust
where would the children swing statues

we must

take care of the earth see

we must

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run to the wilderness fall on your knees
bathe in the mud climb in the trees

shout from the rooftops in cities and streets
roll up the asphalt plant oaks pull up weeds

don't poison the ants with a chemical brew
call in the frogs and the nematodes too

love worm-eating wasps and mealy bugs

just let them live or give them a smudge

holy smoke will move them on
one whiff of sage and they'll be gone

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calling all children from near and from far
let lightning bugs go recycle the jar

dry pj's outside on the line in the sun
drink water from glass (not plastic) it's fun

grab hold of your sisters and fathers and mothers
uncles and aunts and cousins and brothers

get out of your cars and go for a walk
put down your wireless connect with a talk

turn off the tv and watch the stars
look for saturn and venus and mars

feed the birds charm the snakes
use detergent free of phosphates

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vote for sun and wind not oil
please don't let our planet spoil

write to congress sound the alarms
help! save the bees and bears and farms

because the rivers skies and seas
are not toys but living see?

and just like children we earn their trust
by taking care of them.....we must

save the earth

we must