

The following climate-related offerings are offered with some reluctance since they emphasize negative perspectives, and change is most likely motivated by positive encouragement. But in this era it is hard not to want to express disbelief, fear, and outrage.

These are a communal effort by several folks who all want to remain anonymous, so if anyone feels an irresistible urge to use attribution, please credit them to Clair Yoncall or any other facetious name you like. (While many of these are new, we've included others that were composed a few years ago in a similarly anonymous context.)

“Burma Shave”

The climate change
will do more harm
than a city slicker
on a farm.

It used to be a worry
And then gradually got worse.
But now it is a crisis
And soon will be a curse.

If we choose to ignore
What is surely in store
Then the time will run out
And the costs surely soar.

Apathy and denial.
Are so easy to embrace.
But consequences matter-
They're not easily erased.

If stewards of
the Earth we'd be,
We must do more
Than hug a tree.

Just between
You and me,
There really is
No Planet B.

Oceans are wide
Mountains are tall,
Single-use plastics
are BAD for us ALL!

Single-use plastic?
Let's cease and desist!
The long term effects
Will give our kids fits!

This planet needs
Our help, I hear.
Each step we take
Deserves a CHEER!

The web of life is wide
And precious to us all.
We rend it at our peril!

Beaches are pretty,
Oceans are blue,
But plastic pollution
May make that untrue.

The pain's intense
The costs are great.
Bold action now!
It's not too late.

For great-great-grands
We must act NOW!
Let each of us
Put hand to plow!

Climate Change
Could wreck YOUR day -
Extreme events
Are on their way!

Heat and cold,
Fire and rain.
Take action now
So they won't reign!

The evidence proliferates
and yet we still do vacillate.
Our planet has no backup,
The time is here to step up.

Water, water, everywhere
with chemicals galore.
Water, water, everywhere
with plastics and much more.

Water, water, everywhere
pollution makes it stink.
Water, water, everywhere
nor any drop to drink.

Tipping points are very real,
Their consequences grim.
If globally we do not act
Our future's very dim.

Denial and apathy
So common now.
Spell doom in the future
For folks alive now.

Limericks

The climate? It's going to hell,
And to fix it is such a hard sell.
The deterioration
will ruin our nation,
And all of the others as well!

The climate is under assault,
And carbon is surely the fault!
Let's each do our part.
It's time now to start!
And to rapidly bring this to halt!

The climate is changing, they say,
So let's do our part every day
To change our direction
For all our protection
The physics ain't goin' away.

Haiku

Unprecedented?
Yes! But climate change arrives
inexhorably!

Unprecedented?
Yes! But clearly it is here.
The climate's changing.

Unprecedented!
But relentlessly they come-
Dire consequences.

Species extinctions
may not seem to matter much.
But what if we're next?

Physics is physics.
The climate is consequent.
Disaster is nigh.

Protest Songs

The following fledgeling efforts are offered as nudges for other folks to further develop.

(to *The Times They Are a-changin'*)

The science explains that a tipping point's
near
And species extinctions are already here.
It's time for real action it's perfectly clear
That the climate's surely changin'.

Come congressmen, senators, president
too,
You must roll your sleeves up there is
plenty to do.
The ball's in your court and we're
counting on you.
'cause the climate's surely changin!

(to *Puff*)

Puff the magic dragon lived by the sea,
Til plastic trash despoiled his beach
And ruined Honalee..
Little Jackie Paper
Loved that rascal Puff,
But all his efforts, simply said,
Were sadly not enough.

(to *Masters of War*)

Oh you masters of oil
You that drill the deep wells
You that make gasoline
Petrochemicals too,
You that promulgate lies,
You that hide behind clout,
I just want you to know
That your time has run out.