

Naked Earth, What Happened To The Trees

What happened to the trees
The leaves are all dead
Roots in parched ground dried and unfed
What happened to the trees
Just skeletons of the past
Once they were green, the jungles large and vast
What happened to the lakes
The water's still, a murky brown
An empty can floating through a pool of toxic waste
What happened to the lakes
The streams which fed them have since gone dry
Temperature's rising, the lake-beds now are fried
Floating through the atmosphere like a wounded bird in flight
Wondering what has happened to our world
As far as the eye can see, there is no sign of life
A stark and barren landscape -- is this just a dream
What happened to the sky
The orange haze brings a tear to my eye
A sea of cars fills the air with monoxides
What happened to the sky
Rainfall of acid from clouds of pain
The temperature's rising, I think I'm going insane
What happened to the land
Industrial farming was the ultimate plan
No more grain but the tractor still remains
What happened to the land
Overploughed and underplanned
Overproduction has turned the earth to sand
Floating through the atmosphere...
I awake in sweat, letting out a scream
Realising my vision was only a dream
Crying through the night as I thought about our world
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