A landscape of wind turbines at sunset. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and yellow clouds, transitioning into a deep blue at the top. The silhouettes of numerous wind turbines are scattered across the horizon, with some appearing larger and more prominent than others. The overall scene conveys a sense of clean energy and environmental stewardship.

# World Environment Day

- A Celebration of Sustainability and the Environment through Poetry

Thank you to all  
contributors!

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# On Sustainability

Sustainability, an age-old concept,  
A complex, daunting puzzle;  
Many questions beg for answers –  
Sustainable for whom? For how long?  
At what rate?  
Static or dynamic?  
Economy, environment, population,  
Taste and preference, the resource base –  
All undergo change;

Science, innovation, new thinking  
Sprout, spread, proliferate, march on;  
As the poet put it, 'Old order changeth,  
Yielding place to new' –  
Change is the only constant!

Take GNP for instance –  
At some point, secular stagnation sets in  
Sustainability, like derived, demand, is  
A function of exogenous factors,  
Not a stand-alone;  
Ceteris Paribus, but other things  
Seldom remain the same!

Sustainability, in reality,  
Is tantalizing, though elusive –  
A noble goal, nonetheless,  
Always worth pursuing!

# Pretty Planet

Spinning blue and green

Do your best to keep it

clean,

Peaceful and pretty



# Nexus

- **N** is for the nature that we all share
- **E** is for the environment that is in danger
- **X** is the Xerophobic that we will all face
- **U** is for the Udometers that show declining rainfall
- **S** is for the Scientists who have answers for us all



# Sustainable Development Goals Poem

" Think of how we like to see the world  
To be gay, oh should I say happy?  
Humanitarian in all its forms and poverty free.  
Accounting to SDG 1  
Eradicate the roots of it from the globe I want to live in glee.

Content? But how, if I don't have enough to fill my pouch?  
My stomach is but a mere bag that deserves the right clean substance  
One that is appropriate for my clan  
Can I not depend on SDG 2 to do so much for humanity?

Age is then but just a number  
All numbers must be treated alike  
In terms of respect or health on sight  
The world looks at the end of thunder and strike. SDG 3 is of some might.

Who is a human with no formal wisdom?  
An animal on this planet?  
SDG 4 says  
Quality education for every citizen  
Inclusive of an experience of real time knowledge in exuberance.

Chauvinism and feminism are now terms that can be used in one sentence  
Kudos to SDG 5  
In the context of non existence.  
A world that is liberally equal  
Without a doubt of sex coming in.

Unless a clean and hygienic form of living is established  
Peace will always be a myth  
Sustained water and good sanitation  
Is a must have for every situation.  
Says at SDG 6



Consumption of the air, resources are everywhere Sustainable and efficient  
It's all for us to churn out there. **SDG 12** fascinates our care.

Cater to the mother that has given us the difference of seasonal bliss  
Melodies that ring must combat  
The **SDG 13**'s climatic risk.

Energy is the reason for our being. Distributed equally  
should be the key of anyone who lay their feet  
Know what guides what they're doing.  
SDG 7 is the path of scoring.

Lackadaisical is a route we forgot A place of work is our  
only stop  
Neat, clean and worthy of a pay  
Our job must only help us to crack the SDG 8 right spot.

Building resilient infrastructure, Sustainable industrialization  
and foster innovation SDG 9  
Are experiences that occur  
Fancy as they sound, worthy is our proper noun.

Countries like our oath  
Must live together as a couple that quote in peace and in  
stress forever as one SDG 10 two numbers that are joint  
Till death to us apart  
We promise to never have fought.

The shelter I take pride in  
Must assure my reliance  
Of being safe and self sufficient  
In a settlement of SDG 11 I take as my inn.

Conserve and cleverly take the oceans and seas Marine  
resources are a dream **SDG 14** wishes to be sustainable and safe  
Until the end of our waves.

Protect terrestrial ecosystems,  
Make forests worth visiting ,  
Abolish the method of desertification,  
Ban land degradation and pause the loss of biodiversity  
preaches **SDG 15**.

Societies that mingle inclusive of activities  
Create a happy atmosphere to live in  
**SDG 16**  
Provides access to justice for all

Build effective accountable and inclusive institutions at all  
levels.  
Strengthen the means of implementation  
Revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development  
And be a globe that does not live in the fever of the SD  
phenomenon.

This **SDG 17** rests on predominant. "



# Cats on Zoom



A conference for circular analysis,  
Was met with a challenging catalyst  
Due to COVID-19,  
It now comes through your screen  
So your cat can now act as a panelist



# COVID Challenges

**A Conference how to get the economy circular was planned for Dresden but had to go virtual.**

**Corona challenged us all!**

**Finally, we learned not only how to get the economy circular, but also, how to get conferences virtual.**



# My Loyal Friend

Outside my bedroom window  
Stands an old majestic tree.  
She's been standing there for decades,  
Just as proud as she can be  
And every morning when I wake,  
She's the first thing I see.  
This lovely constant in my life,  
So magnificent and free.  
I can see the early, rising sun  
Peeking through her lush green leaves.  
I can hear her moving gently,  
In the summer's warming breeze.

She has a personality  
That she wants the world to see.  
And her moods are ever changing  
Behind her silent dignity.  
She responds to every season,  
In her own unfettered way.  
All we have to do is gaze at her  
To know what season's on its way.  
In the spring she comes alive again,  
As her leaves begin to bloom.  
And beneath the sun's attention,  
You can almost see her swoon.

But when the Winter's looming large,  
It's impossible to hide  
As her barren limbs droop soulfully.  
They betray her grief inside.  
She's stood by me through all my days.  
She's watched me laugh and cry.  
She's listened so intently  
While I've pondered on my life.  
And when I see her dank and weary,  
I will sit with her sometimes.  
And all the years we've shared together  
Will come rushing back to mind.  
But both of us are strong and true.  
We've become the closest friends,  
And we will weather every storm  
Together till the end.



# Change

**When I was young, I saw nature in its micro cosmos; it was always there  
Flowers, insects, the grass and the sky, were my playground  
The smell of dust and earth, rain and wind was my clothing.**

**Now that I am older, I have to look for nature.**

**Does that mean the environment has changed or only the way I look at it?**

**Nature is still there, with all its beauty**

**Let us make sure it stays with us regardless of age**

**Let us celebrate World Environment Day!**



The poem was inspired by an old children's rhyme that invites the moon to come and share our beautiful life on earth]

*Futuristic poetry*

This is a piece of poetry discovered during an excavation in 2025, in a slum in Chennai.

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Moon Moon go away!  
You are sure to do so, if you know this.  
Why do you think  
Men run spaceships to planets  
in and out of solar system?  
Discovery? Bull shit!

Feigning development  
Men have polluted waters  
The "divine rivers" of  
Ganga, Kaveri, Mahanadhi are  
nothing but filth from Industrial waste  
and human sewage

Ancient Tamil poems admire  
dark rain clouds as God himself.  
Now they are simply carriers of  
Acid rain

Green revolution is  
another name for  
Pesticide pollution  
Eutrophication from fertilizers  
and poisons in circulation.  
You eat what you sow

Let me get some fresh air  
is what they think, when going on a  
walk  
What they breathe is PM2.5,  
Sulfur, CO<sub>2</sub> and BTEX.

Ears are given for listening to the  
good  
says ancient wisdom  
But what one hears is  
Horns, horns, horns!  
Loudspeaker blasts  
Caravelle zooming.

Listen moon!  
Earth is tainted

Men march to Moon and Mars  
to pollute them next.  
If you know what is good for you  
Moon Moon move away



ps. Unfortunately the excavated piece of paper did not show the author's name. Probably destroyed by acid rain.

Ganga, Kaveri, Mahanadhi are rivers of India considered holy.

Caravelle is a supersonic jet which is capable of destroying a baby in the womb.

PM2.5 (Particulate Matter of 2.5 micron size.

Sulfur, CO<sub>2</sub> (Carbon dioxide, and BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl benzene and Xylene). All are Respiratory poisons found in common air.



A photograph of a pond with several large green lily pads floating on the water. In the center, there are four purple lotus flowers in various stages of bloom. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding environment.

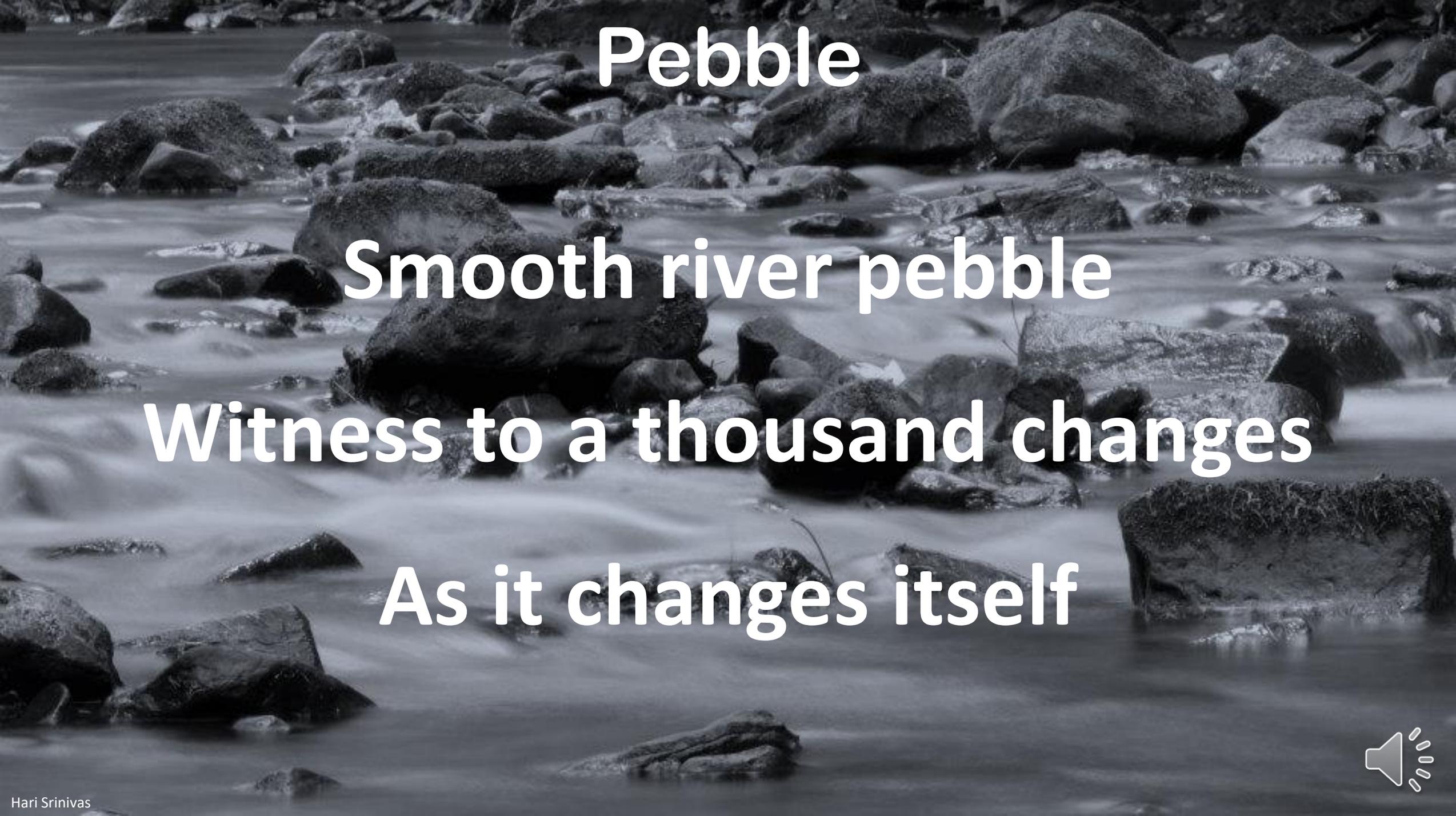
Frog

An ancient pond

A frog jumps in

The sound of water





**Pebble**

**Smooth river pebble**

**Witness to a thousand changes**

**As it changes itself**



# Earth

**Earth I love you,  
I will protect you!  
So that you are forever in my  
heart,  
And all of humanity**



# Nature is Everywhere

Nature is everywhere

Nature is everywhere you go.

Everything that lives and grows

Is nature.

Animals

big and small.

Nature is plants that grow so tall.

Nature is beautiful in every way.

Wonderful, exciting

And needs our care.

So listen, learn and do your part to keep nature

**Beautiful forever.**



**World Environment Day**  
**5 June 2020**

**‘It’s time for  
Nature’**

