Making the Change

This is truth, not science fiction.
Ordinary people whose suffering is real speak of their fears, the struggles they face when survival becomes an ordeal.

Landslides do not require sub-titles
Hunger gains nothing in translation
Parched fields, failed crops
Drought and devastation

Everything touches, life interweaves
Chainsaw and dust storm, ashes and leaves
Exhaust pipe and chimney, acid and rain
Everything touches, unbroken chain

Here’s proof, if proof were needed
The evidence builds up day by day
Big business, fuelled by oil and greed
Cries wolf and looks the other way

Tweet and shout, turn up the volume
This is truth not science fiction
Shame on the nay-sayers, the blind-eyes who deny the pain, the dereliction

Climate change affects us all
Whether impoverished or well-to-do
Today a village in Bangladesh
Tomorrow a town near you

This is truth not science fiction
Related by women, daughters and wives
Change is needed, for the climate is changing,
Changing the world and changing our lives

Everything touches, a planet in pain
For the sake of the children repeat the refrain:
Join in the chorus, let’s make a difference
Together we can make the change

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