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**Here on Earth
(before)**

Here on earth

we need air
water
fire, and
spirit. Here

on earth we
need air. The oak
trees crack open
yellowbeige bare
broken in angles
of hurricane. We

need water. Floodings
of mud in basements,
carrying off our computers
our photographs our dishes
our life savings. Here
on earth we need

fire. Volcanoes sweeping
towns into dustbins, pets
and livestock and the
occasional human being
who couldn't get out in
time. Here on earth

we need spirit. Here on earth.

**Here on Earth
(after)**

Here on earth

we need air
water
fire, and
spirit. Here

on earth we
need air. Peace
shatters in rainbow
storms of bloody
glass bullets
and severed hands. We

need water. Punctured
sewer pipes, mouths
and ears and noses filled
with fetid excrement
of man and rat. Here
on earth we need

fire. We/they smash
buildings/bodies into
tombstones, ashes of
asbestos and the bones
and bones and bones of our
children. Here on earth

we need spirit. Here on earth.

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