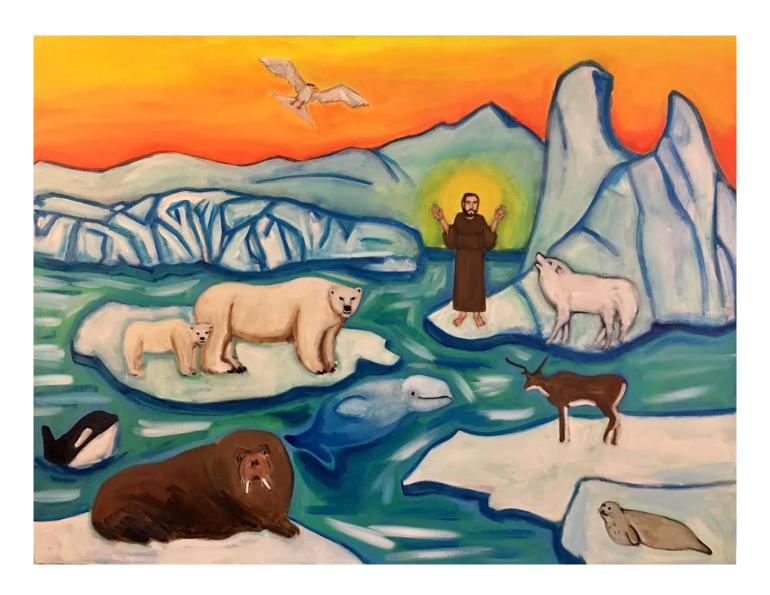
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A BrainyQuote Cento Enriched by Adrienne Rich

What I worry about is climate change. Severing the world's design. My father's generation's crisis was fighting

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Fascism. Ours is fighting climate change. We really need to kick the carbon habit.

Are humans any smarter than frogs in a pot?
Why do we keep perpetuating the problem?
No matter how rich you are, you can't get healthy air.
I draw the curtains as the sky gets black.
Climate is not changed by dance, libation, or prayer.

Publishing Information

- A cento is a literary work made up of parts from other works. But most of the lines of this cento come from the site *BrainyQuote*, which means their accuracy is suspect. Only the two Adrienne Rich lines were taken from actual poems: "Boundary" and "Storm Warnings" appear in *Collected Early Poems*, 1950–1970 by Adrienne Rich (Norton, 1993).
- Here are the cento lines, in order: (1) <u>Susan George</u> [5]; (2) Adrienne Rich ("Boundary"); (3 and 4) <u>Nicholas Stern</u> [6]; (5) <u>David Attenborough</u> [7]; (6) <u>Jeff Goodell</u> [8]; (7) <u>Yehuda Berg</u> [9]; (8) <u>Ma Jun</u> [10]; (9) Adrienne Rich ("Storm Warnings"); (10) <u>John Wesley Powell</u> [11].

Art Information

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Despite learning in poetry classes that art should not be political, JoAnne Growney sometimes uses her verse to speak against climate destruction and for women's rights. A retired mathematics professor, Growney teaches poetry workshops, writes and shares her poems—including the collection *Red Has No Reason* (Plain View Press, 2010)—and enjoys her grandchildren.

For more information, visit JoAnne Growney's blog <u>Intersections—Poetry with Mathematics</u> [12].

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