

A Wish for the Earth
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imagine the earth, large and full,
with swirling blue oceans surrounding masses of land with streaks of soft white clouds
above

imagine everything occurring on this earth in this very moment
a girl in a bright pink sari walking home from school
an old man pulling a donkey with rough, callused hands
a young couple saying "I do" as their mothers cry in the audience
a baby, wailing for food his parents cannot provide
a woman standing over her kitchen table addressing a pile of letters

imagine the earth, large and full,
holding all of this— all of us,

the earth that gives us the greatest gift of all: the ability to be alive

the ability to feel
the pride of the girl
the exhaustion of the man
the excitement of the couple
the hunger of the baby
the purposefulness of the woman

we all have different beliefs,
we all belong to different faiths,

but let us all feel,
joy and pain, together

let us all come,
to save our world, together

by promoting energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy
let us help our world to become a place where all beings have access to sufficient,
sustainable energy, and by doing this let us do much more

let us help our world to become a place where everyone is treated equally and without bias

let us help our world to become a place filled with peace and diversity of people, ideas, and beliefs

let us help our world to become a place filled with boundless loving kindness and belief in the genuine good of humanity

let us help our world to become a place where everyone's basic needs are met and every child born is able to reach their full potential

let us help our world to become a place where success is measured by kindness, love, and purpose, instead of material wealth

imagine an earth where these ideals are realized

imagine yourself, with the help of the people of this room and allies in the world beyond, making these ideals become a reality

let us all work together to take care of our earth so that it can be a haven for all beings