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Drugged Earth

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This once healthy earth has been drugged an
overdose of deceptiveness through
successive rape by indifferent tyrants
that inserted rampant WMDs
into her. Now she's as barren as a hinny,
her crust devastated by vile spills. After
vapid messed up revolutions, she
can't predict her cycles anymore. That ac-
counts for the scud all over the place
gluts in her seas, tsunamis of crud,
flood on dry streets, blood in hallow temples
irregular heat periods and still births.
It's a sick place. No redemption, no re-
generation in this unprotected place
A place once called earth.
What's more, she's lost her temper, gone
fidgety from cramps, self-annealing.
Periods totally altered
so she can't predict her months, her
generation numbed like slackened guitar strings.
Dull is her voice, once so sweet as the
Canary's. All you hear is boom.

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