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Good News for the Earth

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This cloud may have a silver lining.
The air is clear, the streams are too.
The plague is only plague for you
and me, we human fools!
Did we really need to fly,
leaving CO₂ in the sky?

The frogspawn's warming in the sun
Tiny tadpoles breaking free.
A hundred magpies spiral, just for fun,
Enjoying thermals we can't see.

Bees enjoy the early flowers,
Sweet, no poison sauce was sprayed.
Rabbits nibbling by the path,
The grass not mown, they, happy, feed.

A butterfly, bright yellow, so soon!
Next, a woodpecker, drumming loud,
To call his mate, (no tune, no tune!)
To find his tree in the dense wood.

Without mankind, the world is thriving,
Jumping spiders, ants and worms,
Look and see how much is living,
Flowering in all its forms.