

THE WORLD IS UNFAIR

So many of us try to say it's not
While numerous of the world's population
Live in squalor, the conditions of war
(as a present tense or aftermath)

The world is unfair. The world environment
Is characterised by greed and violence
Gloom and despair. A portion of the population
Feeds on this. It's what they worked for, what they want

Putin's war. Republican stupidity in the USA
That's their aim, their purpose. You're talking people
Yes. I am. The world as a physical entity has an existence
Independent of us, and a reality of it being poisoned

by those who poison. Re-phrase the statement.
There is a state of inequality, inequity, and lack of fairness
in the world; few humans dispute this.
The aforementioned states are specifically human qualities

Inequality, inequity, and lack of fairness are timelessly
anchored in history, brought out now and then, polished
Shined, re-packaged and re-invigorated. Regardless
They remain hateful, empty and vengeful

People are unfair. People focussed on destroying the world's
environment are unfair, they also lack the qualities that define
The best of humanity: tolerance, empathy, and compassion
People focused on destruction choose to be focused on destruction

They are not forced to take that stance. They choose. The choice is theirs
The suffering they cause is their responsibility. Greed, rampant egotism
A dependence on capitalism; a strange adoration of something called individualism
They can justify their actions in their own mind; being oblivious to the response of others

Humans play a role in the disasters and challenges that face us
If we are to survive on this lonely planet in space revolving around the sun
If we are to achieve some measure of equality, equity and fairness
Humans! You and I, and her. Humanity, devoid of gender-identifying pronouns

We, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, related or not have a part to play
No matter how small, or how big. Yes, the challenge, the problems we face are many
Immense. The only way we have to handle them is by reducing their size

Breaking them down into manageable portions and one by one addressing them
The world is unfair? People are unfair? People, who focus on destruction are unfair?
The response, I suggest, is answering unfairness with fairness - in action and in word
Maybe, then you, I, we shall be heard, and our actions rewarded

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