Poetry For The End Of The World: A Poetic Exploration of Extinction



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In Elizabeth Wilder's stunning new collection of poems, *Poetry For The End Of The World*, the poet confronts the urgent and devastating reality of extinction. Through her evocative and unflinching verse, Wilder explores the profound losses that we have already endured, and those that are yet to come.

Wilder's poems are a testament to the beauty and resilience of the natural world, even as it faces unprecedented threats. In "Elegy for the Great Auk," she mourns the extinction of a once-abundant bird that was hunted to oblivion. In "The Last Passenger Pigeon," she captures the poignant loneliness of a bird that outlived its entire species. And in "Elegy for the

Hawaiian Honeycreeper," she celebrates the vibrant colors of a bird that is now gone forever.

But Wilder's poems are not only about loss. They are also about hope. In "Song for the Future," she envisions a world where humans live in harmony with nature. In "The New Creation," she marvels at the resilience of life, even in the face of adversity. And in "The End of the World," she offers a glimpse of a future that is both beautiful and uncertain.

Poetry For The End Of The World is a powerful and moving collection of poems that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. Wilder's words are a reminder of the preciousness of life on Earth, and the urgent need to protect the planet that we call home.

Praise for Poetry For The End Of The World

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"Elizabeth Wilder's poems are a clarion call to action. They are a reminder that we are facing an extinction crisis, and that we must act now to protect the planet that we call home. But Wilder's poems are also full of hope, and a reminder that even in the face of such devastation, we must continue to fight for the future." —Naomi Klein, author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*

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About the Author

Variations on Voice

Elizabeth Wilder is a poet, essayist, and environmental activist. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Guardian*. She is the author of several books of poetry, including *The Planet's Daughter* and *The Book of Marvels*. Wilder is a passionate advocate for the protection of the environment, and her work often explores the themes of extinction, climate change, and the fragility of life on Earth.



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