

# DEVASTATION

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Oh what devastation man has brought  
    His pride exceeding all normal bounds  
    His cry of I consistently resounds  
From barren space caused by wars he wrought  
While striving for full mastery he sought  
    Since first he subjugated woman and beast  
    Environment as well; caring least  
For those whom this destruction left distraught.

Then nature, with uncontested power  
Strikes at most unpropitious hour  
    Fierce flood, wild fire, tsunami's whirring thrust  
    In one wild burst of fury, one great gust  
    Erases myriad constructions of mankind  
    Will he now see or be forever blind?

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