Clouds of smoke from industries
Rivers changing from blue to black.
Easy to overlook in an air-conditioned chamber.
Let’s not.

Sway in the disposable conveniences
Our poor planet drowning in plastic pollution
Animals choking to a painful death.
Let’s not.

Fashion moving fast and cupboards swamped
Not using public transport as it’s uncool
Wasting water when many parched.
Let’s not.

Let’s not confuse welfare with GDP numbers
And tide in the wave of consumerism
For it renders inequality and climate degradation
Let’s choose to be better.

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