In Balance with Nature . . .

In the beginning
There was Earth, beautiful and wild;
And then man came to dwell.
At first, he lived like other animals
Feeding himself on creatures and
plants around him.
And this was called IN BALANCE WITH
NATURE.
Soon man multiplied.
He grew tired of ceaseless hunting
for food;
He built homes and villages.
Wild plants and animals were
domesticated.
Some men became Farmers so that others
might become Industrialists, Artists
and Doctors,
And this was called Society.
Man and Society progressed.
With his God-given ingenuity, man
learned to feed, clothe, protect
and transport himself more
efficiently so he might enjoy LIFE.
He built cars, houses on top of each
other, and nylon.
And life was more enjoyable.
The men called Farmers became efficient.
A single farmer grew food for 28
Industrialists, Artists and Doctors.
And Writers, Engineers, and Teachers
as well.
To protect his crops and animals, the
Farmer produced substances to
repel or destroy Insects, Diseases
and Weeds.
These were called Pesticides.
Similar substances were made by Doctors
to protect humans.
These were called Medicine.
The Age of Science had arrived and with
it came better diet and longer,
happier lives for more members of
Society.
Soon it came to pass
That certain well-fed members of
Society
Disapproved of the farmer using Science.
They spoke harshly of his techniques
for feeding, protecting and
preserving plants and animals.



They deplored his upsetting the
Balance of Nature;
They longed for the Good Old Days.
And this had emotional appeal to
the rest of Society.
By this time Farmers had become
so efficient, Society gave
them a new title:
Unimportant Minority.
Because Society could not ever
imagine a shortage of food
Laws were passed abolishing
Pesticides, Fertilizers and
Food Preservatives.
Insects, Diseases and Weeds
flourished.
Crops and animals died.
Food became scarce.
To survive, Industrialists,
Artists and Doctors were forced
to grow their own food.
They were not very efficient.
People and governments fought wars
to gain more agricultural land.
Millions of people were
exterminated.
The remaining few lived like
animals.
Feeding themselves on creatures
and plants around them.
And this was called IN BALANCE
WITH NATURE.

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