

Erosion

Mr. Donald Trump you're not my president
 'Cause I'm not a citizen, just another immigrant
 A permanent resident stuck in the midst of it
 Rubber-neckin' as America drove off a cliff, thinkin'
 I wish I could vote, but not for you though
 Hell no, I voted for Justin Trudeau
 Here's a couple things that I think you know
 Even if you act in public like you don't
 Climate change, you *know* that it's happening
Know that its impact is already damaging
 You said so! A permit you applied for¹
 Said the ocean's comin' up on your Irish golf course
 Well here's another place you might like to protect
 America. It's likewise under threat
Sea level rise, extreme weather events²
 Infrastructure risk is bad for business
 So I made a list, to help you keep track
 And since you don't read, I squeezed it in a rap
 Would've put it in a tweet if I could achieve that
 The seaside's about to need an evac

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Of coastlines, riverbeds
 Of time left, only chance we're gonna get
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 Of ice in the glaciers³
 United nations, isolation
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 Of faith in democracy
 Your face in the dictionary next to hypocrisy
 Erosion, erosion, erosion
 Mr. President...

Stickin' your head in the sand is not principled
 The rate of sea level rise in Florida tripled⁴
 In one decade, and that's easy to count
 It's back when Billy Bush and you were hangin' around⁵
 Demonstrating your scruples, and since those days
 The tidal flooding in Miami Beach has quadrupled⁶
 And that's great for business if you sell water pumps
 But not for local residents who voted Donald Trump
 So what you gonna do now? Lose Mar-a-Lago?⁷
 Or try to move it all to higher ground in Colorado?
 Some people try to tell me that you're all bravado
 But I think you've got a calculation under all the guano
 Come on though, what's Tampa supposed to do if
Another storm floods the Bay with raw sewage?⁸
 Is the EPA gonna stop the fluid spewin'?
 Not under Scott Pruitt, all he wants to do is sue it
 And what about common sense national defence?
 You got several naval bases under imminent threat⁹

It's not just the Gulf Coast, Hampton Roads'
About to have some of Virginia's dampest homes¹⁰

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Of waterfront property

Insurance underwriters can't even make a profit¹¹

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Of the public trust

Coal burnin' fillin' up our lungs with dust¹²

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Of real estate value¹³

Sea water comin' up to surround you

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You know! The fire season's out of control

Losses have doubled¹⁴ since I was six years old

With damage in the hundreds of millions

We lost a whole town in Canada's wilderness¹⁵

You know! Climate change is a factor

The Pentagon calls it a "risk enhancer"¹⁶

So why do you act like you don't know?

With every new quote that it's a huge hoax¹⁷

I really do wanna take the charitable view

Basic ignorance, that's embarrassing for you

But it's not as bad as the *uncharitable* view

That you're funneling profits to fossil fuel¹⁸

And getting kickbacks. There's a lotta gas to burn

And we don't know what you own, no tax return

All we know is, you got a lotta fossil fuel cronies

In your cabinet, and Tillerson and Putin are homies

And those with the most to gain

From the claim that climate change is a hoax are praying

That you can delay the clean energy transition

Long enough to cash a few chips in

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Of journalistic standards

We want answers, not panders

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Of public institutions

Of safeguards against pollution

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Of civilization

It's not too late to make changes

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