

Destruction

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We're on the eve of destruction

Mr. President I'm back again after a hell of year
With a message you really don't wanna hear
Climate change is real,¹ and everything except for
Your legacy will disappear, so lend me your ear

And let me hit you with some info you don't get to ignore
It's from a federal scientific advisory board
Straightforward, it's got the NAS's support
The National Climate Assessment Special Report²

It's real! Even secretary Mattis knows it³
Expanding ocean's putting military plans in motion⁴
With a risk enhancer the chances of disasters go up⁵
Look at the fires in California

Let me spell it out for you: rising temperatures
Without precipitation triggers drought conditions⁶
Liquid evaporates and vegetation's dry as tinder
And that's why the state was on fire all winter⁷

¹ <https://science2017.globalchange.gov/chapter/1>

² <http://theconversation.com/the-climate-science-report-trump-hoped-to-ignore-will-resonate-outside-of-washington-dc-86994>

³ <https://www.propublica.org/article/trumps-defense-secretary-cites-climate-change-national-security-challenge>

⁴ <https://www.newsday.com/opinion/commentary/military-climate-change-1.15865973>

⁵ <https://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/612710>

⁶ <https://science2017.globalchange.gov/chapter/8>

⁷ <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/18102017/california-wildfires-global-warming-drought-wind-climate-change-fire>

So what's the message you're sending the American people
Swearing to weasel out of the Paris Agreement?⁸
Did you notice the 2017 hurricane season?
It was extreme, for the very same reason⁹

It's the same message you're sending to Puerto Ricans
When they're storm-weakened and denied the support of FEMA¹⁰
Maria's intensity was the ocean catching a fever¹¹
While you're tossin' paper towels at the crowd like a diva

Attackin' Colin Kaepernick just to try to distract us from
The fact of indictments landing on your campaign manager
Or whatever the latest scandal plaguin' your cabinet
Every department head appointed to dismantle it

Rippin' us off, ridiculous Betsy DeVos¹²
Never seen a public school or even stepped in its halls
The CDC is takin' "science" and "evidence" off
The list of permitted words, which is medicine's loss¹³

And what about Harvey, not the sexual predator
Your competitor for the credit of Molester In Chief
I mean the one that gave Texas an enema

⁸ <https://climatefeedback.org/rand-paul-argument-withdrawing-paris-climate-agreement-based-flawed-information-prof-gary-yohe-explains/>

⁹ <https://science2017.globalchange.gov/chapter/9/>

¹⁰ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/29/us/puerto-rico-power-outage.html>

¹¹ <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/scientists-can-now-blame-individual-natural-disasters-on-climate-change/>

¹² <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/07/opinion/betsy-devos-teaches-the-value-of-ignorance.html>

¹³ <http://thehill.com/news-by-subject/healthcare/365204-trump-admin-bans-cdc-from-using-evidence-based-and-science-based>

Climate change took the regular chances and straight tripled them¹⁴

Check the level of deluge in Houston
Four feet of rain in as many days, boosted
A foot or more by human carbon pollution¹⁵
You've been accused of fossil fuel collusion

Of conspiracy with a Petro-State
To make American energy policy retrograde
Every renewable project, you said "no way"¹⁶
But the pipelines and the drilling gets okayed?

So congratulations, you're the Neville Chamberlain
Of temperature change, 'cause instead of facin' it
You deliver craven misinformation¹⁷
With a straight face to the nation

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What's the deal? You keep tellin' me the threat isn't real
But I'm beginnin' to feel you got something to conceal

¹⁴ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/13/climate/hurricane-harvey-climate-change.html>

¹⁵ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/11/13/climate-change-upped-the-odds-of-harveys-extreme-rains-study-finds/>

¹⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/13/climate/arpa-e-national-academy-sciences.html>

¹⁷ <http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/08/politics/trump-global-warming/index.html>

Credible people tell us emissions are lethal¹⁸
You're just tryin' to give investors in 'em a better yield¹⁹

So what do we do, with a do-nothin federal government?
The electorate can get rid of republicans
Up and down the ticket as a punishment for Trumpism
The EPA's got a double agent runnin' it²⁰

But we can skip the federal regulations and act²¹
A city can have a plan, a company and
Even a whole industry can; emissions are getting capped
By the C-40 mega-city initiative pact²²

And remember, the Paris Agreement isn't rescinded
Every country except for America's still in it²³
Plus a lot of states are still ready to build with it
America's Pledge, fifty percent still committed²⁴

Mr. President, it's already too late
To bring your descendants anything but the heaviest shame
That's your legacy, mistake after mistake
With climate change at the top of the list of messes you made

But that's enough about you

¹⁸ https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/climate-impacts/climate-impacts-human-health_.html

¹⁹ <https://medium.com/@AlexSteffen/trump-putin-and-the-pipelines-to-nowhere-742d745ce8fd#.qonsh8kx3>

²⁰ https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/under-scott-pruitt-a-year-of-tumult-and-transformation-at-epa/2017/12/26/f93d1262-e017-11e7-8679-a9728984779c_story.html

²¹ <http://thesolutionsproject.org>

²² <http://www.c40.org>

²³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/07/climate/syria-joins-paris-agreement.html>

²⁴ <https://www.americaspledgeonclimate.com>

It's time for the next election cycle to rout you
I know you're not gonna change, you don't know how to
But we can still deal with the climate crisis without you

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