

The Earth's a Space-ship

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The Earth's a space-ship; passengers and crew
are all the creatures of land, sea and air.

Our journey has no starting point we know of,
nor destination that we understand.

We have no base; no mother ship to run to:
if things go wrong, we do our own repairs.

The biosphere provides our life support:
to damage it risks losing everything.

The human population even now
exceeds what Earth can keep on nurturing.

We're building up environmental debt;
repayment must be made right now,

Or we become environment'ly bankrupt:
the ecosystem crashes, the Earth will die.

The time has come for us to change our ways;
to work together for the common good.

Perhaps our journey has a purpose: to find
a way to live in peace and harmony;

At one with Mother Nature and with all
our fellow passengers and diverse crew.

Forget our silly differences, to find
out what is truly right and start anew.

Apologies to William Shakespeare, ("All the world's a stage" from "As You Like It").

The time has surely come to stop being "merely players", to face reality and actively
engage in constructive change before it becomes far too late.