

ECOPHENOMENA

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You cried and I cried

You yawned and I yawned

You laughed and I laughed

You clapped and I clapped

This is ecophenomena!

But why do I echo your actions

Why does the oak tree of my identity bend

Why does my tummy rumble when yours begins to drum

Did we eat the same primordial soup at the night of creation

Are we the fruit of the same semen and ova from a forgotten primordial intercourse?

Now I see why dictators triumph

Now I guess why fanatics are applauded

Now I understand mass suicide

Now I see the roots of human bonding

This is ecophenomena!

Social media experts and users understand it

Politicians build their empire on it

Pastors and fiery preachers know its power

Orators aim their love arrows at its heart

This is ecophenomena!

As scientists tumble over heaps of research

Let me say this: we are held inescapably by the hands of ecophenomena!