

ECO CHRISTMAS

They say the climate's changing, there's too much CO2,
And if the planet's to survive, it's really up to you.

I took it all quite seriously, recycled all my trash,
I started to buy fairtrade food - till I ran out of cash.

But Christmas came, I got fed up, I said "I'll not be green,
I'll generate more CO2 than you have ever seen".

I threw out last year's stockings - More trendy is a sock;
And as for all those silver trees - the fashion says "Have black"!

I piled new purple baubles, like an "Ideal Home" designer;
And spent two hundred pounds or more on plastic gifts from China.

I plugged the walls and windows in - made day out of the nights:
My partner's working overtime to pay for all those lights.

You should see our garden centre - It's not what God had planned;
Instead of winter cabbage there's a man-made wonderland.

No time for mixing puddings, and Tesco sell so cheap;
With "two for one" on deep mince pies and half price chocs to keep.

Too tired for fixing canapés, or making up a jelly;
But work and slave to buy, buy, buy means time - for watching Telly?

With blueberries from Chile, and strawberries from Brazil,
I ravaged all the planet so that we could have our fill.

The rain is falling steadily - I'm fed up with this island;
The family will love me 'cos we're flying soon to Thailand.

Now the freezer's full to bursting, the toys piled eight feet high;
The heating's up to twenty five - Our dear earth gives a sigh.

Oh God - What am I doing? So selfish and so mean;
To plunder earth's resources so, instead of being "green".

Like children, spoiled and crabby, we adults blithely go;
But no more give that poor excuse - 'We simply didn't know'.

And our dear younger people - Will their world mean just despair?
If we don't choose the better path, we'll have proved we didn't care.

So this then be my mantra - Buy less, use less, no waste;
The tipping point is very near, and thence the need for haste.

Spread out this simple message - "Stuff" will this world destroy;
Conserve, re-use should be the plan, do recognise the fate of Man,
And leave this "Home" for others to enjoy.

*Christine Whild - December 2010
From an idea by Eleanor Dangerfield*



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