

## Poetry for Tomorrow's World

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### The Ripple

Somewhere in the back of our imagination is a pond

Overgrown in places sure, but

In between the tangled vines and overcast skies

That might seem unassuming at times

Somehow its existence is never forgot

Over it's edge a swan glides seamlessly

Dragonflies flit from leaf to leaf as if sharing stories

And then somewhere in the corner of your periphery

There enters a child in a raincoat and mismatching wellies

All ready to disturb the peace

Breathes and wet haired, feet leaving imprints in the mud

Some bugs fly out of the way

And a chaos is unleashed within a gang of ducks

From a place of stagnation the ground is unsettled once more

And the mud at the bottom of the pond is stirred up

Hands clutching lucky pebbles and wishes

Your child in your imagination takes no moment to hesitate

Instead, launches rock into pool

Ripples creating tidal waves, hurricanes, the shifting of tectonic plates

Somewhere across the world

Wildfires are extinguished, sink holes restored, dry earth replenished

And the pond is never what it was before

But imagine if you could, a different kind of story  
Adult you clutching lucky rock  
Shifting on your feet  
All of this feeling just a tiny bit silly  
Imagine how different things could have been  
And how many ripples there wouldn't have been  
If you'd had the fear to launch

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### The Telephone

We are disjointed in places and imperfect  
If we pieced together all of our strengths,  
We'd be a mosaic  
At times we have to ask ourselves "why am I doing this?"  
See it's easy to get carried away  
With the numbers, ideas and grand gestures  
Yet it's the happenings that take place on the ground  
That remind us that change has the power to take us places  
I see myself holding one side of a home-made telephone  
Red string and a plastic cup with a hole through  
I can take to the rest of the world  
But ultimately it's useless unless  
Occasionally I put the cup up to my ear  
And tune in to all the other voices  
Our projects are there to help others  
They shouldn't exist to purely serve us  
Sometimes the way can feel foggy but  
Maybe that's because no-one else has trod the path before us  
But being a trailblazer means

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You know a lot and also very little  
And for that, you always know to ask  
The path can be like a board game  
One day you might find you have wondered back to the start  
But progress doesn't have to be linear,  
It's more like a rotating star  
If you're planning your next move  
Or looking to the future ahead  
Don't forget to use your red plastic telephone,  
Don't forget to hold it up to your head

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