



## Ode to Water

The lifeline of this world;  
You cover most of this planet  
With your deep oceans,  
Providing habitat for the creatures who dwell there;

In summer you fall from the sky  
Cleansing the land,  
Allowing it to start fresh;

In winter you come as snow,  
Blanketing the earth  
Making everything white.  
Hiding the past  
Making way for the future;

You flow across this land  
Creating rivers, ravines, and so much more  
Changing the landscape  
Creating places to explore;

But for all that you give  
You also take  
With floods and rising oceans  
You reclaim what is yours,  
Destroying cities  
Ruining towns;

But this is the price  
We all must pay  
For having you in our lives.

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