

Let the waters be my witness: Messages about our watery world

BORDERS OF APATHY:

Reflections on Indifference and Humanity

**Encountering a few discarded cans
it is easy to take them to a recycling stand.
Yet confronting vast amounts of waste
most people shrug their shoulders and think
"The problem 's too great."**

**Small amounts of litter
take little effort to collect
yet when horizons are filled with trash
most of us wonder
"Can't somebody else clear this mess?"**

**Coming across a few folks in need
charity seems easy.
However, witnessing large-scale poverty
how tempting it is to turn numb
ignoring the suffering!**

**Though many of the world's problems
seem too big to face
the boundaries of our apathy
reveal precisely
how our conscience is placed.**

- T Newfields

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Andrzi: (coughing) At one time I was idealistic, but recently as sense of pessimism has grown.

Ellzsha: Then discover parts of you that are still young. Most people have at least some parts that are uncorrupted by apathy or cynicism.

Andrzi: (holding back a sneer) Is that possible? I've seen so much deception 'n crap. The entire world seems like a flimsy facade.

Philgra: C'mon Andrzi! A certain amount of crap is inevitable. Don't be so damn fastidious!

Ellzsha: Philgra is right. Our basic choice is to be alive or dead - as long as you're clinging to some real or imagined past, you're dead . . .