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As I sit here and think  
About random functions and how they link,  
I take a break  
To scroll through the news.

Headline: another heat wave,  
There is nothing I can save.  
[A billion marine animals have died](#),  
So ignore this I choose.

There is little time to have cried  
For the losses of lives.  
While the world keeps turning  
I am avoiding the blues.

But I am a little uneasy.  
This feels too easy.  
To allow our planet to go dead  
While we keep living unbruised.

Will civilization end with a bang,  
Or a coddled decline?  
Frogs in the boiling water  
Ignoring heat cues.

But I mustn't surrender to climate distraction.  
This math paper needs immediate action.  
I must keep up with academic demands.  
Climate concern is only a muse.

While I sit in my bare flat  
Reading papers of theory and stat,  
A little voice won't stop nagging me.  
A honking trunk is within our views.

Are we marching towards our doom?  
The elephant in the room.