Death of a Rain Forest

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Warbler on a bun?
Certainly,
The connection can be dim
For the fast-food cattle
Grazing where once
You wintered
In a tropical rain forest
Warm and safe
After the long flight South
With your young,
Fluttery, foolish,
Bird watchers' delight:
Prothonotary
Swainsons
Vireos, too.

Your home quite gone,
Now, of course,
Many of you.

Don't blame the cattle
For taking your home;
They don't eat hamburgers
Any more than you.
Only offer the ingredients
For those who do.

CALL FOR PAPERS

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According to Peter Singer:

It is not arbitrary to hold that the life of a self-aware being, capable of abstract thought, of planning for the future, of complex acts of communication, and so on, is more valuable than the life of a being without these capacities. (Animal Liberation, pp. 21-22)

According to Tom Regan:

One cannot suppose that moral agents [or patients] have varying degrees of inherent value depending on the extent to which they possess some favored virtues. Inherent value is a categorical concept. One either has it, or one does not. There are no in-betweens. Moreover, all those who have it, have it equally. (The Case for Animal Rights, pp. 246-7)

Papers on the topic of assessing the value of moral agents and patients are welcome for this program. (Papers need not be concerned with the work of Singer or Regan; the above quotations are offered only as ostensive clarifications of the topic of this call for papers.)

Those interested in contributing papers or in serving as commentators for this program should contact Steve Sapontzis at their earliest convenience:

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