

# BETWEEN THE SPECIES

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Yes, there is beauty  
Enormity of beauty and truth.  
But there is immense pain and suffering.  
The wind and the clouds  
And the rain  
Bring messages, you know.  
My trees know about  
The Damming of the Great Rivers  
The Killing of the Great Whales  
They know about the death  
Of seven elephants in India  
Hit by a train.  
They know about the lynx  
Caught in a snare  
A mile from here.  
The weight of their suffering  
Is intense, palpable, silent.  
And they know  
Who is the enemy