

Are You Living in a Bubble...

Of denial or despair?

Has the bubble burst?

An American village fell into the sea last week: Shishmaref, Alaska.

But it could never happen here.

Here yellow forsythia are blooming in my January backyard.

Shall I enjoy this crystalline, winter day?

Or be alarmed for icy roads where whirligigs of cars and trucks tilt into each other and into the ditch?

What's happening here?

Didn't we divest in fossil fuels, on the one hand, and are we now inviting propane in through the back door?

That couldn't happen here.

Where green is green and plans to stay that way.

Breathe deeply and dig in your heels.

Oregon is publicly owned; it says so on the city license plates.

Are they living in a bubble--the officials who work on our behalf?

Climate catastrophe will happen here and there and everywhere with propane ports and tanker trains, tar sands' products and coal to China.

But stop it here. Stop them. Save us.

Keep the tar sands crude in the ground.

All the world has a common foe.

Let's face it down; we are not alone.

---Susan Fox Haywood

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