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(a response to the paper "[Oedipus and Nature's Rage](#)" by Dr Gabriela Dragnea Horvath)

As I walk over the aged bricks here  
that pave my urban driveway's looping form,  
I see profusion of gum tree blossom  
fallen in a long night's storm. But, I fear,  
this season's snow of natural procreation  
is out-shone by technology unfurled.  
It's our obsession with the sad dream world  
we alone created. Seems digitalisation  
much craved as our triumph over flower  
and animal form is lust for power

embodied in conjuring acts. Lower  
than this we cannot crawl in detritus we made  
of this blue-green orb called Earth. Each decade  
worsens; until in this same earth we're laid.

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