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Poem titles:

We Are the Final Ones

The Disposition of Art

Square Math Problem

We Are the Final Ones

we breathe dirty air

coral reefs die

we breathe dirty air as we breathe dirty air

storms are extreme

we breathe dirty air and coral reefs die

climate change affects the poor first

we breathe dirty air as coral reefs die

coral reefs die as we breathe dirty air

we breathe dirty air and storms are extreme

we drive instead of walk

we breathe dirty air as we breathe dirty air and coral reefs die

drought is a serial killer

we breathe dirty air and climate change affects the poor first

coral reefs die and storms are extreme

we breathe dirty air as we breathe dirty air as we breathe dirty air

What will happen to the polar bears ? ?

we breathe dirty air and coral reefs die as we breathe dirty air

trash piles grow

we breathe dirty air as we breathe dirty air and storms are extreme

coral reefs die and climate change affects the poor first

Square math problem

by JoAnne Growney

Quietly the dark creature starts--
it drinks a quart of the water
from our reservoir. Then each day
it gulps twice as much as the day
before. If no one notices
this monster's thirst until one-fourth
the water's gone, what time is left
to arrest the vast consumption?

with "The Rising Tide of Industrial Flotsam" by Allen Hirsh