GROWING PANES

Design Against Urbanization

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66 As humans expand and develop land, many of the native species are pushed out and forced to compete for room to survive. Designing against human exclusive spaces and challenging designers to think beyond the human perspective reflects this fragility of ecosystems and the far-reaching effects of human development **99**

Island state of mind

Adrift amongst the shifting sands
Of people passing by,
An island unto myself, I float,
My eyes and soul are dry,

In gaping space I walk alone,
By choice? I cannot tell,
Every one in their own orbit,
Worlds held within a cell,

I know I'm not the only,
We all are trapped inside,
Each to our own we do cling tightly,
Behind built walls we hide,

Here I stand, one of many,
In mazes daily caught,
Fractured worlds mirror fractured people
Despite what we are taught,

We love the superficial
It keeps our depths at bay,
In the messy deep lies danger,
On driest shores we stay,

Things would change if we would act,
But that's not comfortable,
To design against the shallowness

Is a nearly thankless role,

Concrete binds our bodies,
Entombed in walls of cool,
Break from the grasp, the ordinary,
Shed isolation's rule.