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Dense, suffocates.

Animals, more sensitive than humans.

Tune into the organisms in the

Earth.

Their refined olfactory capacity to sense chemicals,

Burns.

Smokestacks.

EPA

Industrialist Overlords.

Hydrochloric acid

Oil and acid seeps

Past the fence into surrounding ditches.

Neutralize before

Pumps into the dirt.

We can't always tell

Scum from the stew

Saviors from the slaves.

Toxic to life.

Dark.

Congeals.

Undermines intelligence.

Erodes our ability to think about community.

Makes our world dumb

More complicated but less complex.

Devalues handwork and craftsmanship.

Requires machinery were smart enough to build

Not smart enough to operate safely.

Shakes the complex system of daily life on a global level.

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