

**For Whales' Sake**  
**By Jackie Hildering**

*Without Salmon*

In a world without salmon, we'll have broken the link  
That Nature created so that we'd be in the Pink

These fish are designed to bring the wealth of the seas  
Back to where they were born; to feed all, even trees

They feed bear, killer whale, sea lion and eagle  
Wolf, seal, deer, shark and - an occasional beagle

They feed tourism. They feed fisheries.  
There should be enough, to feed you and me.

So little investment, yet so great the return  
Clean water, food, safe passage - this, they *surely* earn?

Salmon's survival is the measure of how we humans are doing  
In understanding our place on the planet. Well, Nature is booing!

Glendale Grizzlies are staring into empty rivers  
No rich salmon to save them from the winter shivers.

The orca I know, haven't had their Chinook  
Peanut-shaped foreheads reveal this tragic truth.

Why would we flirt with the health of the very thing,  
That ensures that the birds around rivers will sing?

What great gain would justify such a gamble?  
A question not answered by Premier Campbell.

Salmon are the glue of life on this coast.  
You'd think that we'd realize, WILD matters most.

But instead of precaution, loud voices at desks  
Say, “Why it’s Nature that has created this mess.”

“It’s salinity, natural cycles, the position of the moon!  
Or some other reason we’ll come up with real soon.”

Excuses don’t fix ecosystems; don’t feed hungry bears.  
What we need now is a whole lot of people who care.

We have to control what we can. It’s up to you and me  
To choose for sustainability, not short-term economy.

Check out the web at the addresses below.  
Use vote, vision and voice, to help wild things grow.

[www.adopt-a-fry.org](http://www.adopt-a-fry.org) and [www.earthlingenterprises.ca](http://www.earthlingenterprises.ca)

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