What can one person do?

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Because what can one person do when 6.8 billion are frying the planet?
Just as I am in the middle of a weight workout, a thought pops into my head. Do the hardest thing first. Before you change your mind.

I finish my workout and write that thought down so I won’t forget.
We dreamed of wildflowers.

We decided to sell the SUV.

And since we didn't have a car, we didn't need a driveway.

We dreamed of replacing it with wildflowers.
my sister assures Larry, "No, No, No. They are NOT GREEN ENVIRO-MENTALISTS.

They sold the SUV because they LIKE to WALK. They don’t WANT a car."

Do I look like a GREEN-HEADED MONSTER?
“What? How can that be?”

I said - feeling a little like Alice in Wonderland.

“This can’t be right?!
Concrete and asphalt and interlock cause stormwater runoff into the sewers.
This is totally opposite to what is on the city website.
This is absurd!
I really can’t tell people to damage the environment.
I can’t do this.
This is wrong!”

“BUT THE CITY SAYS IT’S GREEN!!
They say they want people to plant trees.
Oh dear!
You say we can only plant ONE tree?”

This really BOTHERS my green conscience!
If people can be convinced to pick up dog shit, who knows what social change is possible?

Man's Best Friend?

Who Knows What Social Change is Possible?
But people yawned and wrote the warnings off as more...

I didn’t yawn. I thought of you...

And wondered what your life would be like...

Dire Predictions
Predictions for 2020 include hotter temperatures and more droughts...

Will cactus replace evergreens in your garden?

I think about your water being RATIONED...

WILL YOU CALL US CRAZY FOR FILLING UP SWIMMING POOLS WITH DRINKING WATER
We’re toasting the planet

CO₂ Goal = 350

CO₂ in Atmosphere:

391.76 ppm
February

February 1987 = 348.55
The Sky as a Sewer

I see cars dump pollution into the air...
LIKE IT WAS A BOTTOMLESS SEWER.
We sold our SUV.
And we don't miss it.

I will just keep my favorite things.

Maybe I don't need so many clothes?
Maybe this is the next step in going green?

Ocelot coats were all the rage in her day. Now they are both dead.

The Ocelot Coat
The Red Wall

I SURPRISE my husband by wearing it at DINNER.

On my feet I wear GREEN sandals with HUGE Petals on them.

He LIKES my green SKIRT.

Maybe I should GIVE AWAY all my ORDINARY clothes?
Do the Hardest Thing First
Should we ponder the cruel irony that fossil fuels may cause the extinction of mankind?
Our Leaders are Loafing
Deepak CHOPRA says NOT to WORRY about GLOBAL WARMING.

That WORRIES me.

Maybe Deepak REALLY means that WORRY is unproductive, so take ACTION??

That Worries Me.
I shake my head.

NO ONE WILL KNOW

except me.

And my conscience.

No One Will Know Except Me
That phrase

NO ONE WILL KNOW

HIT A NERVE.

SECRET

Because a small action (GOOD OR BAD) that gets repeated thousands of times can make a BIG IMPACT.

No One Will Know Hit a Nerve
No One Will Know if I Waste Water

If I waste water. Or conserve it.
NO ONE WILL KNOW

If I eat imported foods.

OR LOCAL.

No One Will Know if I Eat Imported Foods
No One Will Know if I Raise Chickens
In the midst of writing this down for you,
I wonder, “What does my family think?”

I call up my sister, Mary...

“I THINK CLEAN WATER WILL BE A BIG ISSUE IN 2020.”