



THE FOUR SPHERES

A poem by Jade Harvey

When we look at the Earth it's so big and complex,
The scientists trying to study it got pretty vexed,
So they thought up a way to make it easy and clear,
They divided the Earth into four separate spheres.

A sphere can be a shape, a bit like a ball,
But can also mean an area of focus to help make
ideas small,
An activity you like or think is cool,
Like sport, art or science or even just school.
Your sphere can be your friends or family even,
Things that influence you or that you believe in.
For now these spheres help us discover the world,
Let's look at the Earth's spheres - our planet unfurled!

Let's start in the sky, look up and around,
There are gases not seen or felt to be found.
But there are things moving, what moves them? It's air!
The blowing grass or the wind in your hair.

Can you smell things that might have come from afar?
It might be wood burning or the engine smell of a car.
That's the atmosphere bringing them to your nose,
Does the wind make a noise? can you sometimes hear as
it blow?

From the sky comes the rain or snow sometimes,
It can be liquid or more solid, warm or cold I find.
It can flow in the rivers or in rivers of ice,
What type is your favourite? I think they're all nice!

The hydrosphere means all of Earth's water,
Whether coming from the sky or deep underwater.
It feeds plants and animals and humans too,
Water brings life to all it flows through.
Down to earth the water does flow,
But where indeed does this water go?
The land, rocks and soil they gobble it up,
In cracks and air spaces like a natural cup.

The soil needs the water for plants to grow,
The water that passes finds a place below,
It forms underground lakes and we take it out later,
If we have access to this our lives are much greater.
The mountains so big and tall in the sky,
Were once down low but they got lifted up high.
The soil on the ground was once rocks you know,
The air wind and water break rocks down as they flow,.

Can you find a rock is it round or rough?
Because rocks can in fact be soft or tough.
Is the soil where you are dark or light?
Is it grainy or smooth? Are there bits that are white?

And so, it's because of all of these things,
There is so much for us that our Earth brings.
Bugs, birds and dogs, sharks, plants and cats,
Fish, worms and foxes, moths, bees and bats,

So much going on, on this Earth where we thrive,
It's all so important so that we can all be alive.
The four spheres are connected, like your family you see,
And there's no other place that I'd rather be.



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