

# But Still We Must Cherish It

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You will need: a house plant, a place to keep it in, and some water to feed it.

You are humanity.

The plant is the land.

You must keep it safe.

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But the land was being hurt before us. Even if we do nothing, surely it will perish. **Plug the bottom of the plant's pot.**

**Every day, water it.** This is the rain and the seasons and the soil working together.

The people who rule this land have made it so that just to live, we must destroy and consume. **When you do one or more of the following in a day, give the plant an additional half cup (120 mL) of water the next day:**

- Take a shower longer than 5 minutes
  - Drive a car for longer than 30 minutes
  - Eat meat
  - Drink coffee
  - Leave electronics plugged in
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But still we must protect it. **When you do any of the following, remove the plug in the bottom of the pot for the next day:**

- Educate someone about climate change  
Why does it matter? Who will it affect? How can we work against it?
- Build structures against bio-capitalism  
Communities, organizations, friendships, connections
- Disrupt power and its machinery  
At companies, in places of government, at factories, on farms
- Take care of those worst affected  
The poor, the homeless, people of color, those living in the global south

But still we must cherish it. **When you remove the plug in the bottom of the pot, tell the plant a story of the following:**

- A place in this land that brings you joy
- A place in this land that you want to meet for the first time
- A place in this land that you want to see again
- A place in this land that you think of as family