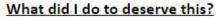
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Flowers blooming on steep valleys.

Waterfalls shimmering as they tumble down. Volcanoes erupting, a sight of glory.

Ladybirds, butterflies.

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From adversity comes

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progress.

My wonders big and small.

Choking on the fumes from your fast cars. Disgusted by the litter you dress me with. Nature's gifts – trees, clear water, ice, cut down, squandered, melted away. What did I do to deserve this?

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Another species becomes history.

Giraffes, orangutans, pandas -

who's next?

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From adversity comes

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progress.

Bereft of my friends, I stand lonely. What did I do to deserve this?

Burning sun blisters me and distorts my features. Rising waters lap at my feet and threaten to drown me. What did I do to deserve this? IST PLACE LEAH MATTHEWS 75

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From adversity comes progress. See the anger in my red sky. Feel the sorrow in my rain.

I gave you beauty,

but look what it became. And there's only YOU to blame.