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## Sporadical Fallout: The World After Us

Edhisattva (Edward Shanken)

Mushroom cloud over Cupertino  
 Grows on silicon chips  
 Electronic humus overflows  
 Prêt-à-porter pink aluminum cachepot

Fungal fruit reaches for sky  
 Perfect tear-drop  
 Frozen in time  
 Empty spherical lens  
 Microcosm of Earth  
 Your visage MIA  
 The web of life weeps for you

Yoo hoo! You who  
 Wore out your welcome  
 With random precision  
 Yoo hoo! You who  
 Rode on a steel breeze  
 Of exile and extinction  
 Yoo hoo! You who  
 May never again shine in  
 May never again shine on  
 Your mother's embrace

Paradise forsaken  
 Exploited  
 Extracted  
 Depleted  
 Polluted  
 Reduced to standing reserve

Tick, tick, tick...

Mushroom cloud over Cupertino  
 Sporadical fallout  
 Agua sagrada cleanses Camino Réal  
 Reseeds magic  
 Regenerates spirit  
 Rejuvenates soil  
 Restores orchards  
 Firebird rises from the ashes  
 In the Valley of Heart's Delight  
 In the World After Us

Tick, tick, tick...

Love envelops Earth  
 Ancestors harmonize  
 Music builds  
 Grandma and Uncle Pete dance  
 Gates open  
 Across space and time  
 Aligned with their wisdom  
 We are reborn  
 We are one again  
 We are all kin  
 In the Valley of Heart's delight  
 In the World After Us