



Piping Plover

The piping plover is of the mud and the sand,
And it's called endangered across the land,
And this designation has a precise legal meaning,
If the plover's near, the courts could be intervening.

The plover's home on the map's clearly shown,
Designated as a 'critical habitat' zone,
These are defined areas for projects to avoid,
Try stripping the habitat and you may be unemployed.

This protection was established back in '73,
We had all gone astray - of that I guarantee,
Our destructive practices were wiping species out,
We needed a correction to turn things about.

This Act's passage was not easy - it was hotly contested,
For protection like this was strongly resisted,
But how could you argue with Noah's ark?
And this Biblical reference helped pass this landmark.

Today when I see this plover shuffling along,
I urge it to be swift and to try to stay strong,
The Earth would be a less without this specie,
As per the beliefs of St. Francis of Assisi.

Today, many religions embrace living things,
But some cannot hear our best worded pleadings,
So, for these species that are called endangered,

The law must be strong as if by the bruja conjured.

So, the gray-white plover with the orange-yellow legs,
Is supported by ethics and environmental regs,
If you don't follow first way, then you must the other,
This is how it should be muses our Earth's mother.

Earth church embraces Noah and St. Francis,
As the chronicling of tenets continually advances,
We would not have a church that is about the Earth,
Without elevating species to the highest of worth.

So welcome to Earth Church
Pull yourself up a pew
Say a prayer that all species
Will survive with you.