

SABINE LAKE CONFERENCE

Where Texas and Louisiana Come Together



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Sabine Lake and the Heron

A great image starts the enterprise,
An attempt to learn and to apprise,
Disparate folks coming together,
United by the heron's feather.

The conference was about Sabine Lake,
A place of the Earth – hard to make,
Shared by both Texas and Louisiana,
It does have problems – I'm no Polyanna.

The lakes's surrounded by industry to the west,
But the east is all marsh, simply the best,
And Texas wants freshwater – that's for sure,
But if water's removed, can Sabine Lake endure?

This lake is an estuary where the salt meets the fresh,
Balance is essential to keep ecology the best,
What is required to keep Sabine Lake alive?
What is needed for birds and fish to survive?

That's why we gathered back in ninety-six,
The ways of humans we were trying to fix,
A lofty goal that was well worth trying,
Keeping fish alive and the birds flying.

We heard from Louisiana Fish and Game,
And Texas Parks and Wildlife said much the same,
All talking of the need for us to understand,
That there is only so much the lake can withstand.

Good people came together – humans well met,

A great celebrating, an ecological fete,
We went away richer for the interaction,
We went away richer for the connection.

This meeting provided an early glimpse,
That something like Earth Church really made sense,
We need to connect with the Earth spiritually,
For without that base, we could lose it eventually.

So welcome to Earth Church,
Pull yourself up a pew,
Here we reach for the spiritual
To save the Earth for you.