

Remember:

You are defending  
the waters, the sky, the soil.

You are defending the Earth,  
your one home.

You are defending  
its countless growing beings,  
its plants, its creatures:  
your siblings in life.

You are defending  
the immune system  
of your hurt  
and feverish planet.

You are defending humanity  
now and of the future.

You are defending those  
not yet born.

You are defending  
the vulnerable,  
the oppressed,  
the stepped-upon.

You are defending  
the defenseless.

You are defending yourself  
and all you love.

At the front lines,  
from the sidelines,  
in the shadows,  
stand strong.  
Remember the soft place  
in your heart,  
that place that you protect,  
where you keep  
your kindness,  
your care,  
your fire.  
That place from which  
you first understood  
that the world  
needed saving.

When they beat  
their riot shields against you,  
stand strong.  
When the bullets  
and tear gas fly,  
stand strong.  
When they drag you  
away to jail,  
stand strong.  
When you  
can stand no longer,  
stand strong.

**A POEM OF CLIMATE  
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When they say,  
"Now is not the time  
for action,"  
stand strong.  
When they punish you  
for speaking out,  
stand strong.  
When they steal your land  
and evict you,  
stand strong.  
When they mean  
to break you,  
when they try  
to shut you up,  
stand strong.

When your government  
makes a deal with the devil,  
stand strong.  
When your politicians  
betray you,  
stand strong.  
When your police  
protect only profit,  
stand strong.  
When greed reigns,  
when the law of your day  
can be bought,  
stand strong.