

Water Rights, Writes or Rites

By G Hawton

The drought has broken, the rain has come
It's been raining every day.
This is not a passing shower,
The rain is here to stay.

I've seen Bangla like a river
Water end-to-end and side-to-side
The water couldn't get away
It was held up by the tide.

Why not teach all the kids
To treat water with respect!
Then five or ten years down the track
It will start to take effect.

If travelling on a motorbike
The rain is not so nice.
It makes the roads real tricky
More like driving 'round on ice.

I should have fixed that leaky roof
She asked me to, last year
But then the rainy season stopped
So we sat down and had a beer

In Australia where I come from
Water can be hard to find
Every time I turn a tap on
I keep this in mind.

At least the dust is not a problem
Soi Nanai was getting bad.
The dust from all the building sites
Was driving everybody mad.

The roofs they build in Thailand
Are built the same as drains
They are not a problem all the time
Only when it rains

Thai water mains leak badly
With a lot of water lost
If the leaks were seen to quickly
It would reduce the water cost.

Now it's mud you've got to watch for
The rain and dust are now slurry.
Be careful on your motorbike
The roads and rain can be a worry.

Mention water conservation
And the looks will all be blank
Why not catch the water off the roof
And save it in a tank!

So try and use some common sense
And look after what we've got
And when you get the option
Use a little and not a lot

Flash flooding was a problem
So they built a lot of drains
Do they work? We have to wait and see
Next time it really rains.

If everybody saved some
And used a little care
There would be enough for all year round
And even some to spare.

Then once the wet is over
And the dams begin to dry
We will all be looking for some rain
Beneath a clear blue sky.

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