

Canticle of the Creatures 2022

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Most revered Creator, Cosmic
Christ, and Powerful Spirit,

Friend to all creatures contained in
the universe,

Generous lover.

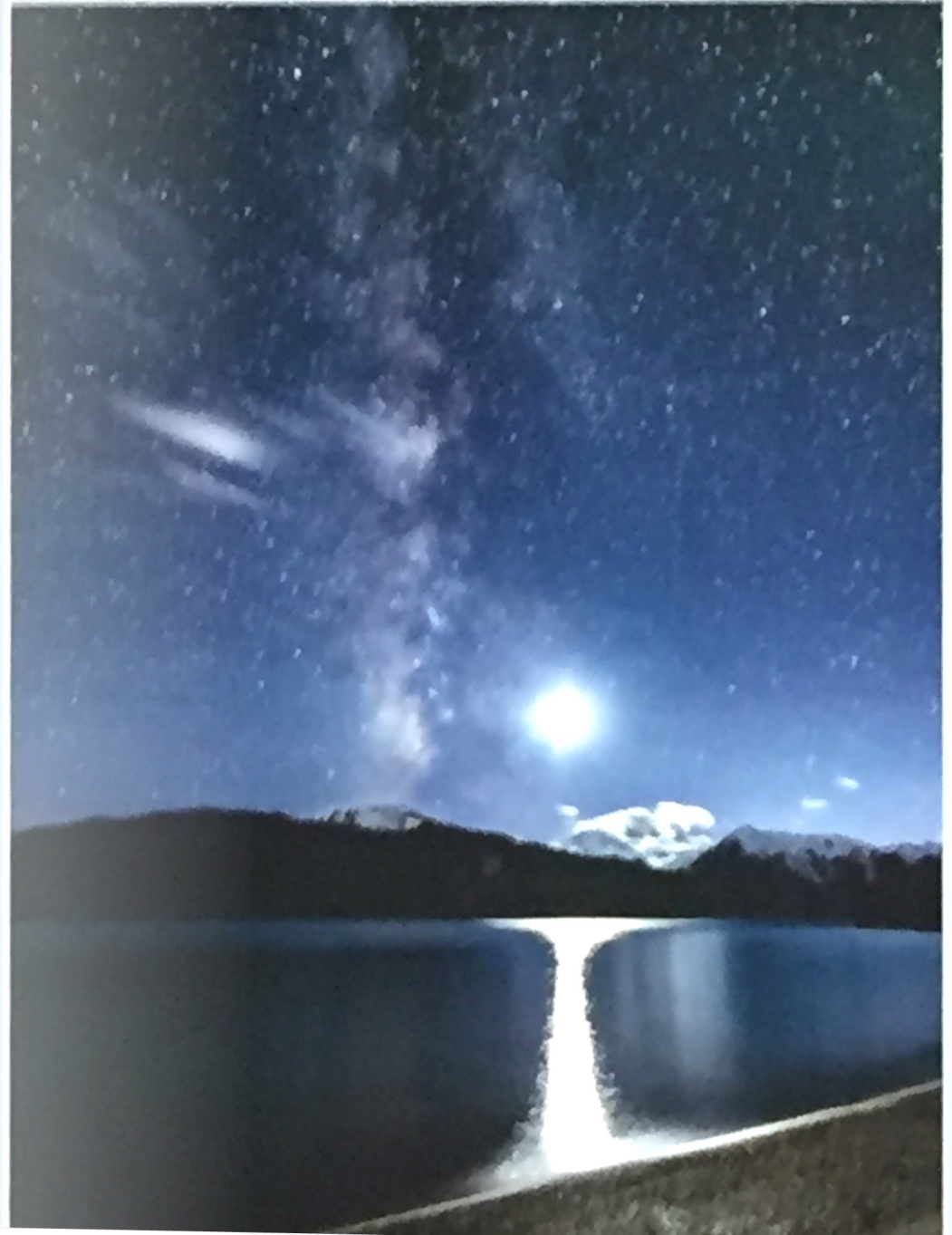


We praise and bless you for the gifts
you have given us,

The cosmos, the galaxies,

The stars, planets, and heavenly
bodies we see through the most
powerful telescopes.

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The stars, including our own
Brother Sun, our Sister Moon, our
Sister Earth.



We have squandered,
abused, and under-
appreciated your gifts

We ask your forgiveness of our
ignorance, our self-centeredness,
our selfishness.



We have neglected and abused Sister Earth

We build highways for our convenience, and destroy the habitat of desert turtles, deer, and other creatures because we feel we have dominion over the animals.





We have polluted Sister Water

We have thrown our trash into her oceans,

We have dumped harmful chemicals in her
rivers,

We have not even preserved our own
drinking water, resulting in us filling Sister
Earth with plastic water bottles.

We have used
Brother Fire for
destructive purposes

We created nuclear bombs that
destroyed countless numbers of
your creatures, human and other
forms of life, as well as Sister
Earth.



We fail to listen to Brother Wind

When he whispers truth in our ear
through his gentle murmurings,

And even when we know we can
harness his power into creating
alternatives forms of energy.



We have destroyed
your many gifts of
vegetation

The ancient trees, the flowers, the
good and helpful plants.



We have displaced
and destroyed
your creatures

The bumble bee, the endangered
mammals, the fish of the sea, and
even our fellow humans.

We have torn down the rain
forests because of our greed and
avarice.

We destroy the very plants and
animals through which we could
cure human sickness.



We fail to consider
future generations of
humans and other
creatures

Can they survive if we don't renew
our respect for all life?



Help us, Blessed Creator

Open our eyes to act before it is too late.

Let us trust science, and You, to show us the truth.

Let us not dwell on our future home with You, but to act now on behalf of future generations.



We know that your
omnipotent and never-
ending Love will show
us the way

Let us act on behalf of Sister Earth,
and all the generations of creatures
who will follow us,

After we give ourselves over to
Sister Death.

