

WHEN THE LIGHT HAS GONE (ECLIPSE) by Jack Williams

*Written during the 2017 solar eclipse; suggestive of the eclipse of civility*

Dogs commence to howlin'  
Birds are hunkered down  
The air is gettin' chilly  
And the lights come on in town  
Everybody's askin', "what on earth is goin' on?"  
The moon swallowed the sun  
There's trouble when the light has gone

Rooster starts to crowin'  
Crickets chirp in rhyme  
Spring peepers peepin'  
They've lost all sense of time  
The great horned owl is hootin'  
The doe beds down with the fawn  
The moon swallowed the sun  
There's trouble when the light has gone

*You don't believe in people and you don't believe in love  
You don't believe in science or the telltale sign above  
You prayed for something different  
And it (he) finally came along  
Now you're cursing in the dark  
Wond'ring where the light has gone*

I've seen the great aurora  
And the endless Milky Way  
I've felt the earth tremble  
And I've seen the buildings sway  
But nothing can be stranger  
Than the moon crossing over the sun  
And a world that's growing dark  
There's trouble when the light has gone