

Story of Life

EARTH was lonely she wanted to play
But WATER and SEED kept running away

When wind came along and blew and blew
EARTH around the whole land flew

O Help! O Help! O Help! EARTH cried
Who will help turn this tide?

We will, a voice was heard to proclaim
What you need to do is catch some rain

I've tried, cried EARTH, with a million singers
But WATER keeps running through my fingers

O Earth, the voice again on EARTH's ears falls
Let's build you some bunding walls

That will keep the water by
And stop the wind from making you fly

At the same time we'll feed you too
With composted waste and animal loo

Then you'll be healthy and you'll see
WATER and SEED will stop and play with thee

So EARTH with walls and compost feed
Was feeling very happy indeed

When it rained WATER stayed
With splish and splosh all day they played

Their play was so much fun
That SEED came by and round them spun

Feeling tired from so much spinning
SEED fell asleep in EARTH's plump bed, life beginning

While SEED slept from deep inside
A little whisper - grow - cried

Slowly slowly life crept out
Feelers for food and WATER scout

Feelers stretching all around
One to the depths and one to up above ground

Breaking through EARTH's surface the feeler does go
Green shoots, a plant that wants to grow

Green shoots cry out for SUN and heat
To help SEED flesh out, an awesome feat

More WATER arrives by way of a stream
Part of an irrigation scheme

SEED laps up the lovely juices
SUN draws the water up SEEDs feelers and produces

More and more green growth
Which pleases EARTH and WATER both

EARTH is now very happy with a lot of friends
And the story nearly ends

With EARTH, WATER, SEED and SUN working together
Food may be produced regardless of weather

Whose was that voice that first heard EARTH's cry
Who said they'd help, give other ways a try.

That voice was of us all working as one
Through Self Help Africa to get the job done.