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Who Are the Real Monsters?

Kong, King of the Jungle, dies in a hail of bullets
as the forests burn

Godzilla cuts a swath through Tokyo
as hurricanes sweep in from the sea

Hammond's dinosaurs run amok,
let loose, like floods, drought, famine, and war

Imaginary monsters distract us
as real ones close in all around

Nature points out the follies of Man,
who's too busy to notice

the monsters great and small
are man-made, one and all

I dreamed I heard it in a song
Mother Nature on the run

Author's Note

This poem was inspired by the following films and songs:

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