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Ooparts

Out-of-place artifacts. Ivan T. Sanderson

Out of place artifacts
throughout time to the present—
travelers by land, sea and sky drop things.
Sometimes violent acts
force objects from owners. Bent
covered, hidden by land shifts and floods bring
mysterious placements.
What will future conditions
reveal, conceal about changing habitat?
Unknown interacements,
speculative renditions
for our awed descendants to wonder at.

Earthling-bred or E.T.,
bionic hybrid, robot—
who's here millenniums hence to search past?
Whose curiosity
will find what others forgot?
Meteors, global warming, solar blast—
what altered our future?
What ooparts puzzle searchers?
How will they interpret such strange objects?
Will they leave or nurture
strange artifacts, these perchers
above our shifting planet's odd rejects.

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1. 12 lines.
2. Syllable count: 6-7-10- 6-7-10- 6-7-10- 6-7-10
3. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-c-a-b-c-d-e-f-d-e-f
4. Combined Pattern: 6a-7b-10c-6a-7b-10c-6d-7e-10f-6d-7e-10f