

THE INVADING STRANGER

YOU!

"Who are you?" I thundered loudly.

"What gives you the right to be here?"

I looked to my left,
I looked to my right—
and I saw it...

Roaming around like it owned the place.
It laughed at me.
I fumed.
Then I realised—it was my fault.

The wind wasn't always this angry.
The heat didn't always bite like this.
Seas didn't rise like they had something to prove.
But I let it in—little by little.
With every careless act, I gave it ground.

I had messed up.
I gave it room to breathe.
I thought building more would chase it away.
Instead, it brought more.

Now it's out for me—
Trying to end me.
It came rushing in, in waves,
To shake me,
Break me,
Hurt me.

But it can only try...
I'm prepared for it!

Stopping the cutdown of trees,
Recycling and reusing,
Cutting greenhouse gas emissions,
Using renewable energies,
Protecting the ocean.
Adaptation!

I won't pretend it's not real.
I won't stand by and do nothing.

All these, I will do—
Just to stop you from coming an inch closer.

Watch me.