Hopeful Dreams

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I read an article today

Plastered on the front page of the Samoa Observer

Of a mother's hopeful dreams

Imagining what life would be for her child

And reflected on our world

This mother and her hopeful desires

Of her child's future will be welcomed into

A choking embryo

Of a world suffocating

With temperature climbing

And intensifying violence

Waters rising, towering, drowning

Islands diminishing and retreating

Into the abyss of

Suffocating violence unimaginable

For the dreams and hopeful desires

Of every mother

Are only hopeful