

The Evergreen State

The Cascade Mountain evergreen does shine
With Douglas firs and other types of pine.
They form a North and South dividing line
From Western fog and rain that undermine
The many outdoor plans one may design.
But to the East these rains quickly decline.

Despite the mini-tremor warning sign
The experts were too cautious to assign
The mountain that was thought to be benign
But would become a terrible headline.
St. Helens blew its top and spread its fine
and powdered ashes over the state line,
Obscuring Mt. Rainier from all sunshine.

Through coffee, retail stores, software design,
And salmon fisheries that don't confine,
Or making planes for more than one airline,
Seattle's largest companies define
The way for corporate interests to align
With workers who continue to refine
New ways to help their businesses incline.



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