

NARRATIVE IMPERATIVE

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GOAL 2: Zero Hunger

It's the year twenty eighteen
Please digest this food for thought
Picture this, in 12 more years
People starving reduced to naught.

Seven hundred and ninety-five
Million people across the globe
Are thought to be perpetually starved
Situated both abroad and at home.

Seven-point three percent of kiwis
Live in hunger every day
And for many of these people
That gnawing pain is here to stay.

One hundred and twenty thousand
Tonnes of food binned domestically
Leads this author to believe
Food's not supplied sustainably.

Let's start by focussing on supply
And take a page from France's book
Any method where kai's recycled
Should probably merit a closer look.

Where supermarket food is about to expire
But was (and is) still good for a feed
Such food as outlined up above
Must be donated to those in need.

That's not to say Aotearoa
Must follow similar precedent
But if NZ imposes that same scheme
The benefits appear self-evident.

Chronic shortage part of the problem

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But importantly so to is distribution
How to get food from A to B
And stave off horrors of malnutrition.

Where food insecurity is most prevalent
Identify the areas hardest hit
Set up systems for those in need
To provide there without prejudice.

Designated food banks
With constant transport to and from
May alleviate household pressure
To get the weekly shopping done.

Alternatively, food warehouses
That embrace technology and employ drones
May make delivery easy and cheap
To service those who can't leave home.

Look in section three five two
Of the Food Act (twenty fourteen)
Where immunity is provided
For donated food to charities.

So, a small start has been made
Although by far its not enough
To see and make a real difference
The going will go and get more tough.

To provide an outcome of zero hunger
Means thinking smart and creatively
It also means pragmatic options
In conjunction with philanthropy.

Challenge existing paradigms
Attack the current status quo
And maybe seeds of your ideas
Will have the opportunity to grow.