



Drought: the other side of water

Seeking root causes and sustainable root solutions

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Understand 4 Ecosystem Functions

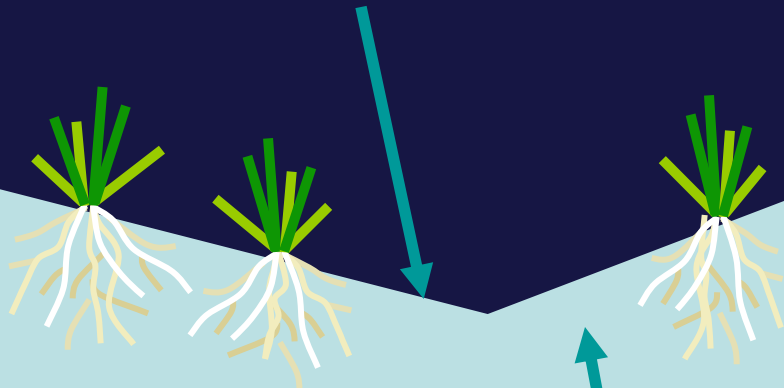


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Non-effective water cycle

50-80% of rainfall is lost through run-off and evaporation.

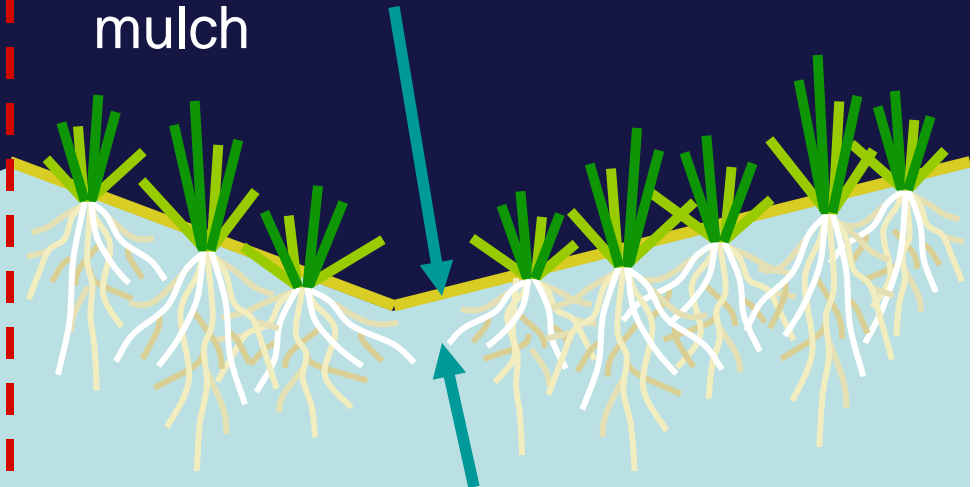
Soil bare between plants



water

Effective water cycle

Soil covered with plants and mulch



table

After:
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Soil Life and Land Health

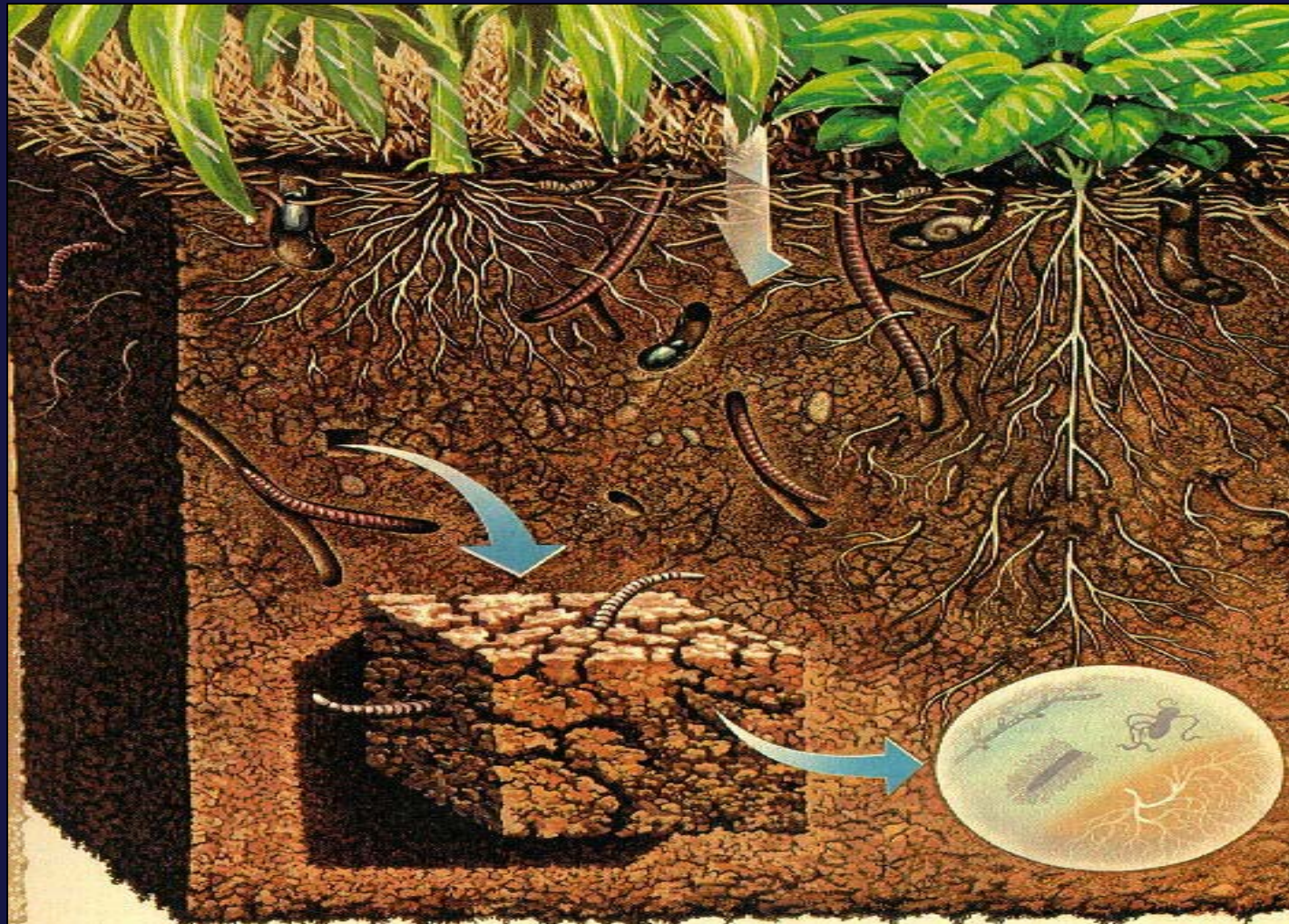








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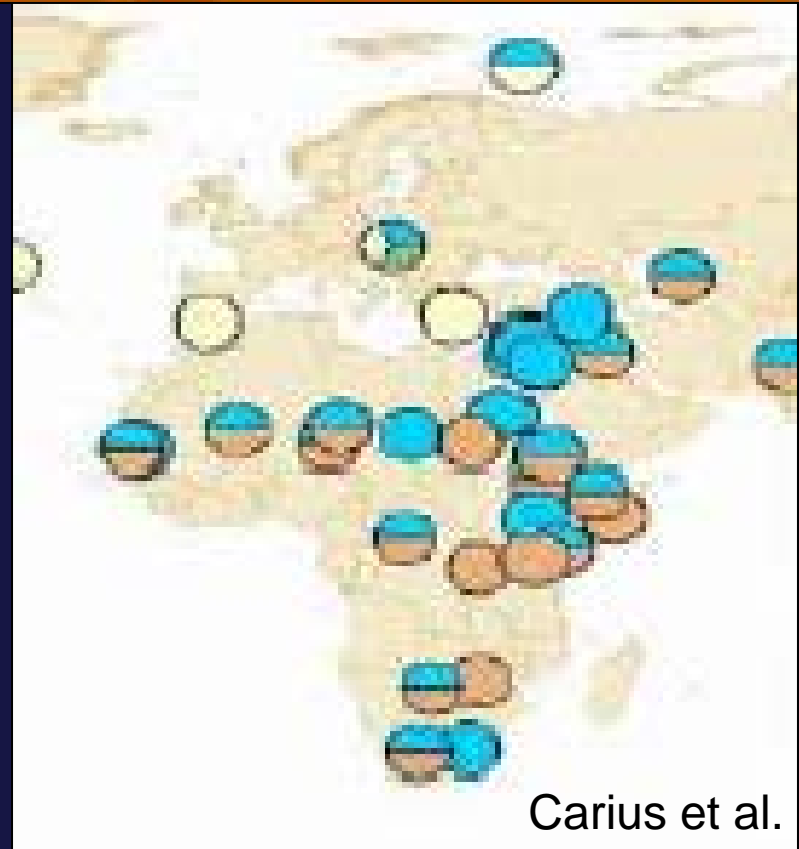
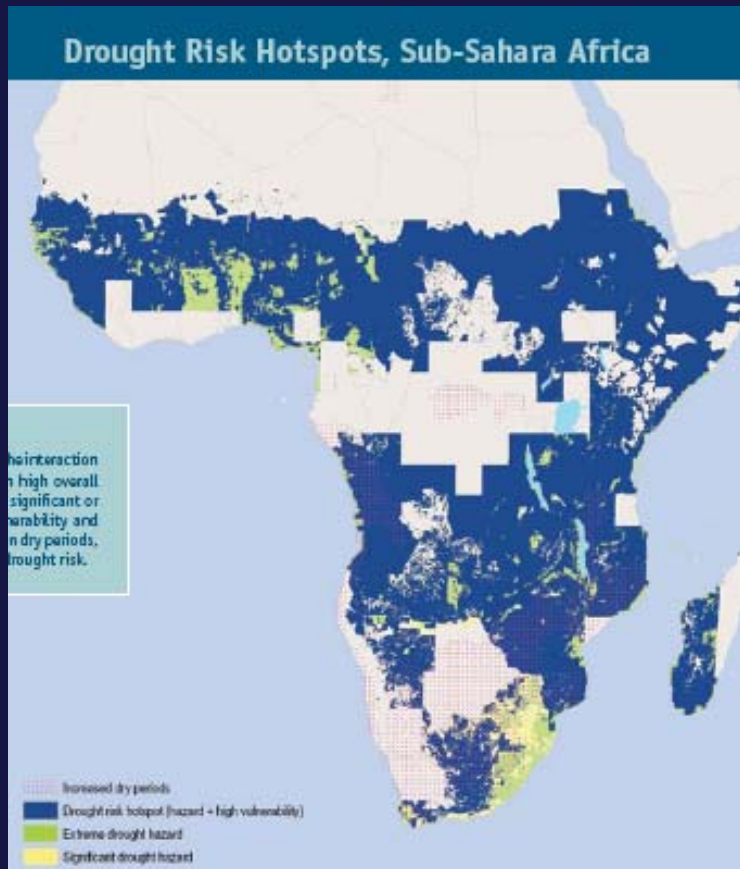
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Sub-Saharan Africa

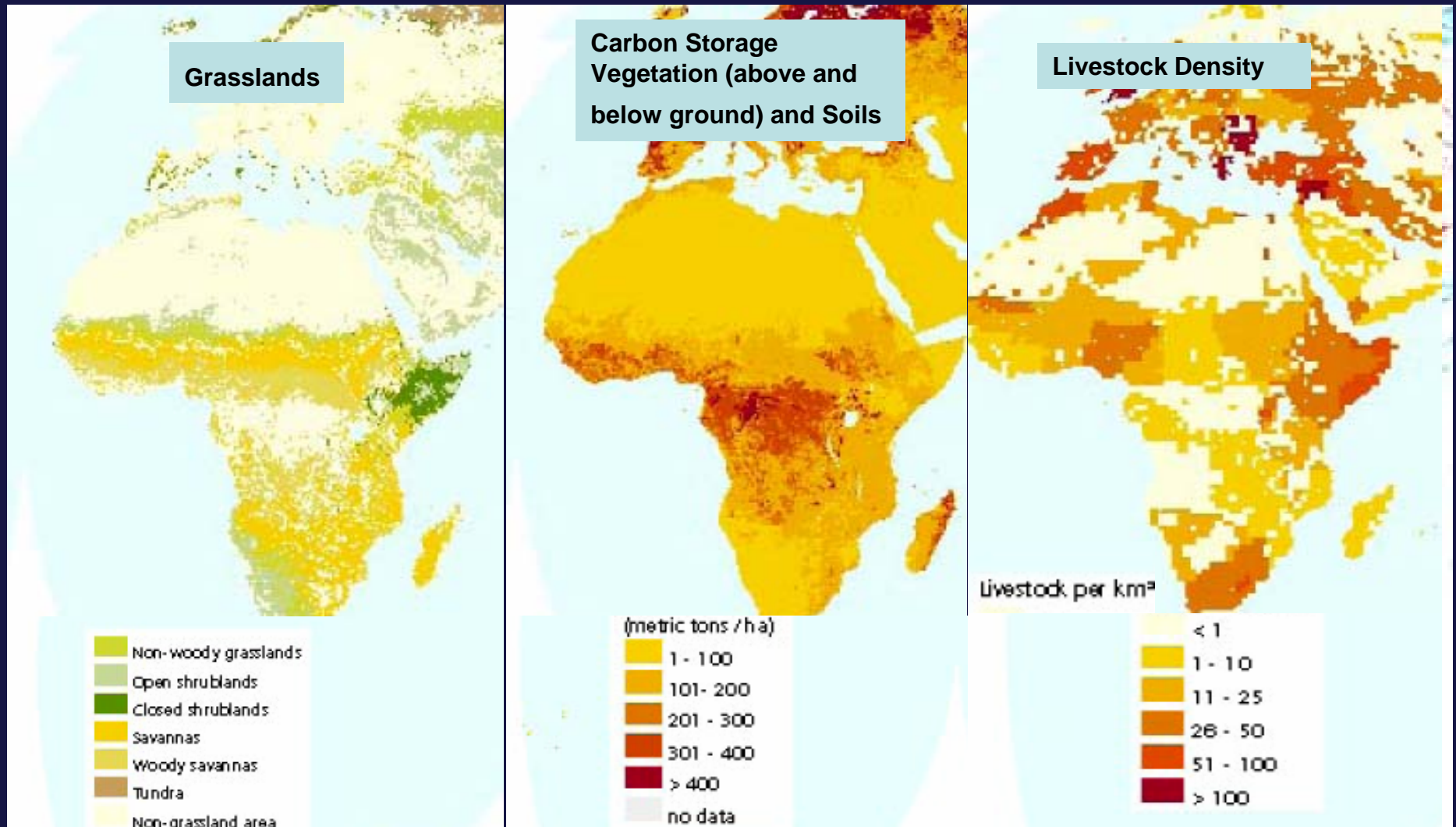
- 70% of the population relies on dry and sub-humid lands.
- Desertification affects 1/3 of the continent.
- 40% of the land is dedicated to pastoralism.



Environmental Conflicts



Grasslands, Carbon, Livestock



Tools



Grazing and Animal Impact



Regenerating Landscapes

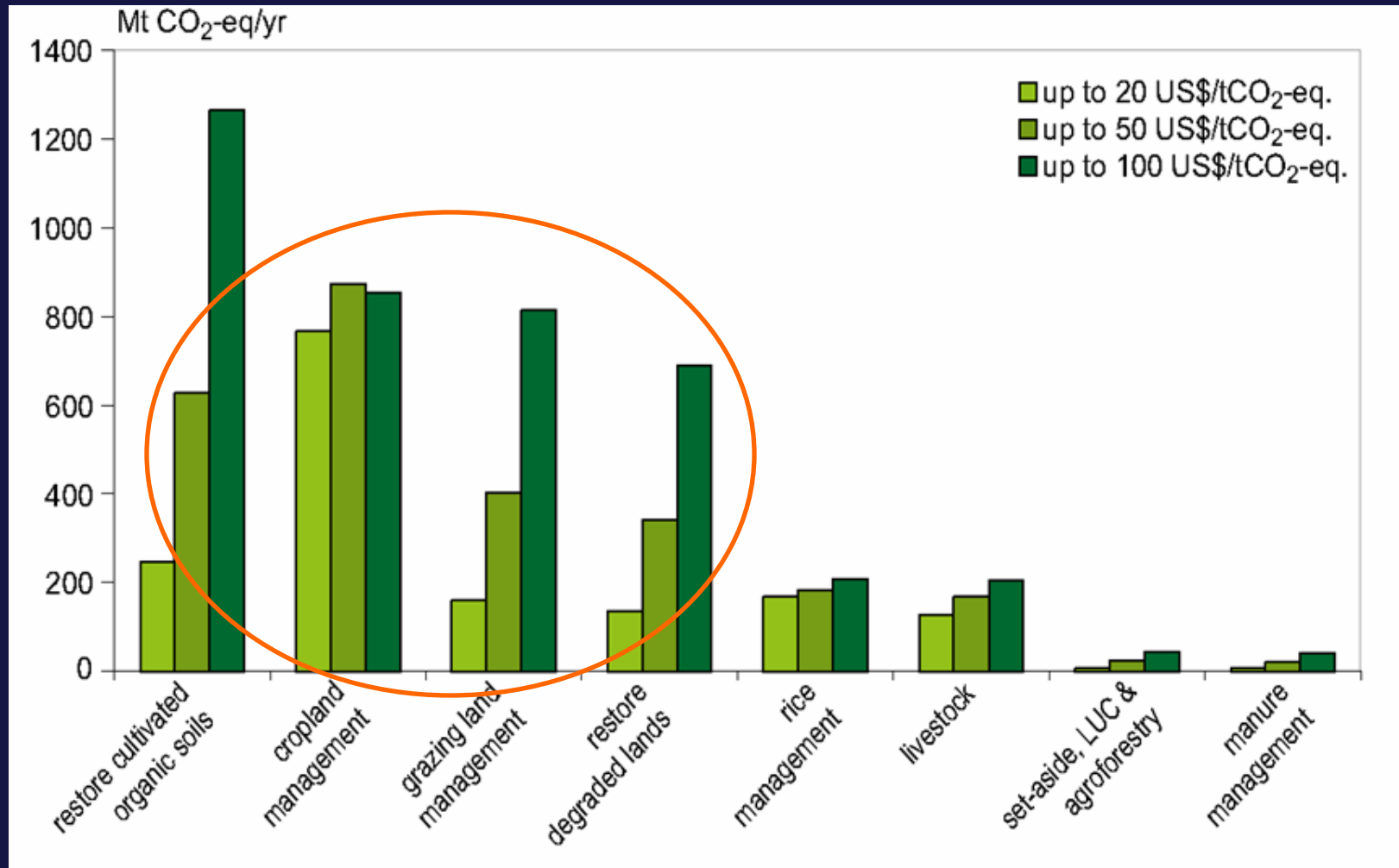


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- Planned and controlled grazing
- Deep rooted diverse perennial species
- Full soil cover
- Prohibit burning
- Plan for drought in time and not space

Costs of Mitigation



Potential at 3 different costs per unit CO₂-eq

IPCC (4AR), 2007



Recommendations

- Manage for effective water cycles and livelihoods. Drought prevention and climate adaptation are linked.
- Consider a campaign for agro-ecological approaches that results in diverse soil cover
- Uplift and recognize the role and practice of women and men farmers and pastoralists who directly manage our natural resource base and are constantly adapting to change (including drought cycle management practiced by indigenous peoples).
- Facilitate the exchange of know-how.
- Build out Communities of Practice for information exchange and capacity building for multi-stakeholder decision making.
- Ensure secure tenure and user rights.



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I have seen both sides of water

Mildred Mkandla

“Many in my part of the world – Africa, have only lived on one side of water.

The other side of water, the side with little or no water

They can and must experience the other side of water too

If we work hard enough to make sure it happens,

I have lived on both sides of water

And I know what it is like on both”