

## **Black Swan Effect**

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Looking back at the world wars in 2016,  
rifling through the vast changes that came in between,

all building to the future 2050 world,  
our children lived through as events around them swirled

streams continued to flow, feeding oceans and fish  
sustenance and balance difficult to establish

as forces of nature swing the pendulum of life  
toward caring society, away from endless strife.

The “Black Swan” event, lightning bolt epiphany,  
forced women-led united nations to agree

to “bank” every nation’s in-ground energy  
and credit their trade account with “oil currency”.

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(**Wikipeda:** The black swan theory is a metaphor that describes an event that comes as a surprise, has a major effect, and is often inappropriately rationalized after the fact with the benefit of hindsight.)