

**Poem for VaPhiri the Water Conservation Visionary**

To all living things  
Water is the same  
VaPhiri's Wisdom  
In all languages  
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VaPhiri's Wisdom  
Water scarcity is the future problem  
VaPhiri's Wisdom  
Water rate of evaporation  
VaPhiri's Wisdom  
Water and management of land resources  
VaPhiri's Wisdom  
Rate of soil erosion  
VaPhiri's Wisdom  
Soil moisture availability  
VaPhiri's Wisdom  
Ah, Zephaniah, Bakiti

This and more is what I remember of VaPhiri's wisdom. The man who talked and warned about water and climate change long before it was on development agendas.

Kind regards  
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