



## **Niobiumising Amazon Rainforest**

Progress you say,  
Brazilian rare earth,  
Niobium or columbium.  
Light grey crystalline,  
Ductile transition metal,  
Far-reaching technologies:  
Wind turbines jet engines,  
Airplane bodies high-pressure pipelines,  
Superconducting magnets,  
Bridges brakes,  
Skyscraper frames.  
Better tougher more lightweight,  
Sliver of niobium!

Road to riches,  
"Niobium Valley" vision.  
Only two impediments:  
Amazon jungle Indigenous Peoples.  
"To their bitter end!" proclaimed,  
President Jair Messias Bolsonaro.  
Plundering extinction promoter!

Ten million Indigenous hectares,  
Land speculators handed.  
Logging mining subsidised roads,  
April twenty twenty-two,  
Double derainforested previous peak.  
Tree snatchers miners oilers,  
Illegals wildlife poachers aplenty!  
Northwest Amazon rainforest,  
Last wilderness rampart,  
Yanomami remotest Peoples.  
Safekeeping precariously endangered.  
Goddamnit.

Damn the torpedoes,  
CBMM\* niobium scourge.  
Mother's lungs collapsing.  
Hearts full of love,  
Incisive focused calibrated effort,  
Unafraid dogged defenders!

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# **Agitate. Disrupt. Defend.**

**#ConsumeLess**

**#ZeroCombustionEconomy2030**

**#GetOuttaTheForests**

**#GetOuttaTheSeas**

**#OldGrowthBlockades**

**#Treesits**

**#KeepItInTheGround**

**#ClimateGeneration**

**#GoVegan**

**#GenZEmergency**

**#UnearthlyWails**