

The Yellow Dragon has
come,
He consumes, a hunger that
is never satisfied,
The land singed and the
crops withered,
As the fire spreads.





But the Campesina is resilient,
She is strong, as her community is
strong,
She must fight the dragon, but the
land is tired.





The Campesina must listen, and she
waits,

The mother speaks of green, as she has
done for a long time,

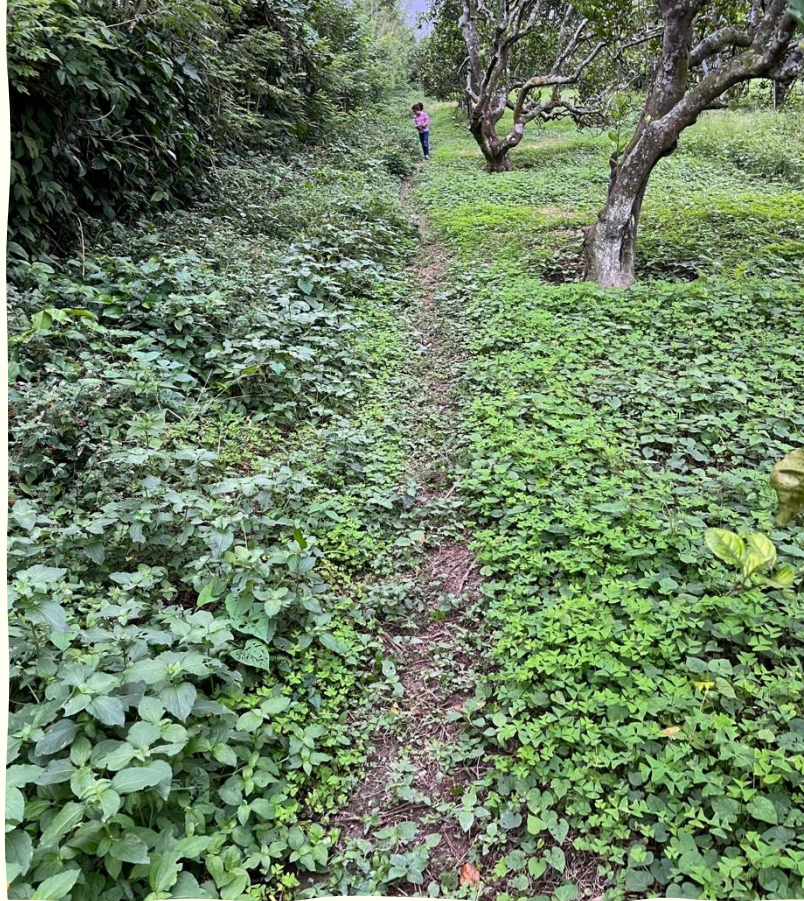
She speaks that the land was barren
long before the dragon,

The citrus once stood alone, but the
land stands together,

Just as her people do.

Agrotoxins will not nourish the land,

But the ways of generations before will.



And so,
The Campesina plants endless green between the trees,
The rows of green protect the trees and the soil that
nourishes them.

She watches as her land
slowly heals,
She cares for each tree,
In return,
They bear fruits of the
brightest colours.



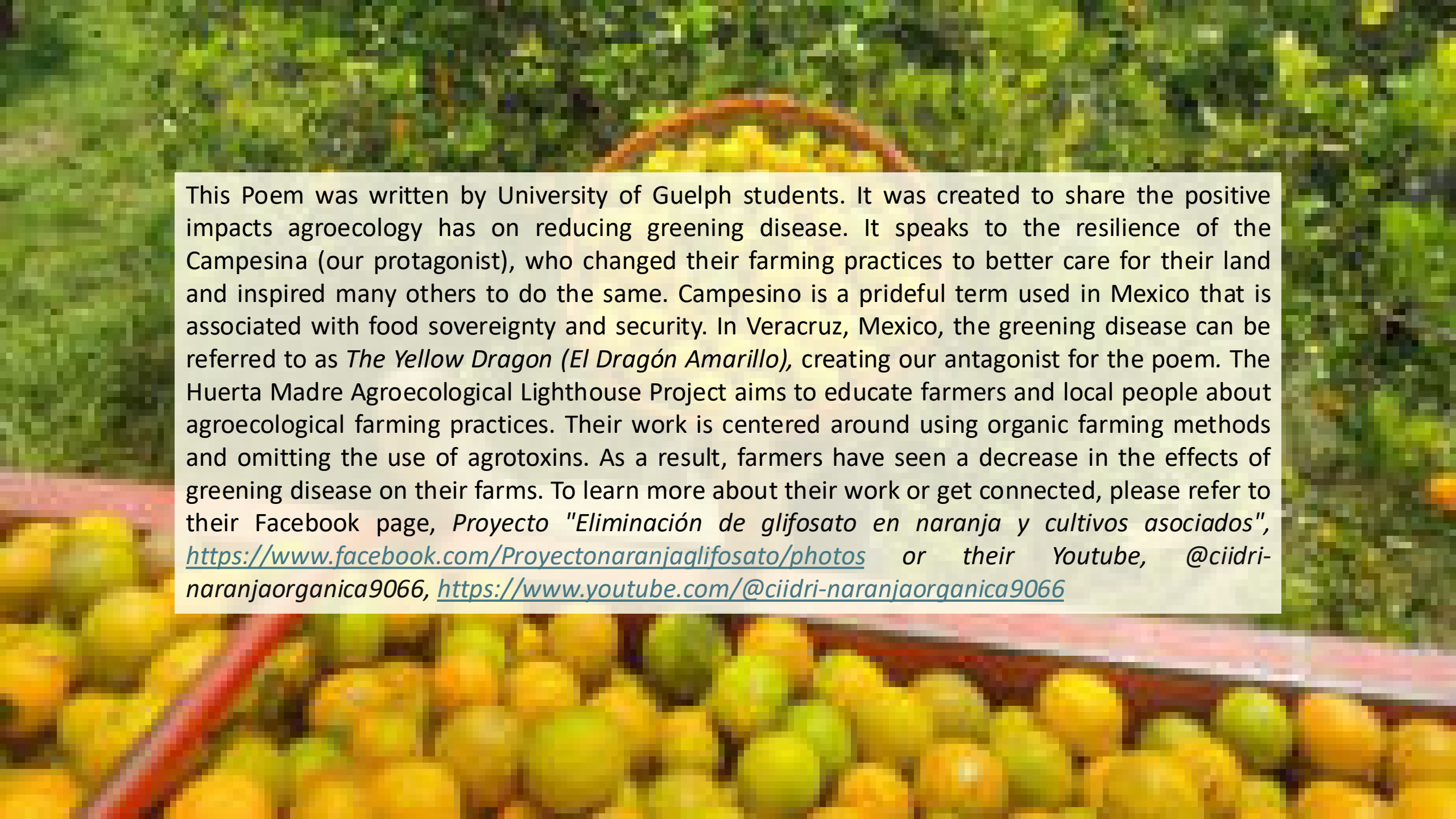


People come from her community to see
her land flourish,
They want to learn her ways,
More green is planted and trees flourish,
The land stands strong,
Just as her community does.



The green protects them from the Yellow Dragon,
And when it does come back,
The land she built is resilient,
The Yellow Dragon will always fight, but so will the Campesina.





This Poem was written by University of Guelph students. It was created to share the positive impacts agroecology has on reducing greening disease. It speaks to the resilience of the Campesina (our protagonist), who changed their farming practices to better care for their land and inspired many others to do the same. Campesino is a prideful term used in Mexico that is associated with food sovereignty and security. In Veracruz, Mexico, the greening disease can be referred to as *The Yellow Dragon (El Dragón Amarillo)*, creating our antagonist for the poem. The Huerta Madre Agroecological Lighthouse Project aims to educate farmers and local people about agroecological farming practices. Their work is centered around using organic farming methods and omitting the use of agrottoxins. As a result, farmers have seen a decrease in the effects of greening disease on their farms. To learn more about their work or get connected, please refer to their Facebook page, *Proyecto "Eliminación de glifosato en naranja y cultivos asociados"*, <https://www.facebook.com/Proyectonaranjaqlifosato/photos> or their Youtube, @ciidri-naranjaorganica9066, <https://www.youtube.com/@ciidri-naranjaorganica9066>