

2007 Robert Bateman Writing Contest Winning Entries

Save the Future

By Julene Preece, Age 11
Kingston, NS

My family walks and bikes to school and work. We use cloth bags at stores and we follow the three R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). The world needs to consider the environment first to preserve our planet for the future.

Recipe for a Better Earth

By Ruilin Guo, Age 12
Barrie, ON

Take one cooperative government and countless environmental messages
Mix gently with 6 billion learners
Sprinkle liberally with efficient, pollution-free equipment
Add fresh plants, strong trees and a myriad of animal life
Pour over the planet
Teach, learn, watch, hope

Cherished

By Vanessa Forget, Age 12
Alexandria, ON

Holding the oily duck close to me,
I looked him over gently.
I saw how bad pollution could be,
Not only to animals, to you and me.
In the end the duck perished.
Lesson learned, the earth should be
Cherished

Our Amazing Earth

By Emily Chang, Age 9
Hunstville, ON

This world is an amazing place, from grains of sand, to magnificent oceans. We need to protect the Earth, because without it, we're lost. I'm only ten, but I can make a difference, and I will. You can too.

Waiting

By Erin Corrado, Age 17
Toronto, ON

We are all waiting,
For our climate to stop changing,
We don't help,
We wait.

We are all debating,
Whether our climate's really changing,
We don't help,
We debate.

Let's stop waiting,
Stop debating.

We should take action now.

Proving the Impossible

By Leah Schmidt, Age 13
Calgary, AB

Sometimes I wonder,
If it's worth the time,
Or the while
If saving the planet is impossible

Sparrow on my windowsill,
Proves me wrong,
Cock head, bright eyes,
Shakes head slightly,
Spreads wings,
Flies into azure sky.

True Beauty

By Camille Talag, Age 16
Whitby, ON

True beauty is nature's simplicity:

The pattern of a butterfly's wings
The scent of flowers
The brush of grass under your feet
The spots on a deer's back
The glimmer of fish in the water

This beauty can be forever.

Peace Found

By Keira Killin, Age 13
Burlington, ON

Step lightly, don't disturb,
Hushed mouth, speak not a word.
The world is calm, as one small pond,
Pollution gone.

Un-littered ground,
Peace has been found.
No noisy tools, no chlorine pools,
No global warming,
The Earth has cooled.

Taking Care of the Earth

By Cole Masters, Age 8
Coe Hill, ON

You should take care of the Earth.
No oil, no gas in the water and no machines in animals' homes.
No building in animal's sites too.
That's how you take care of the Earth.

Untitled

By Susan Manning, Age 15
Marystown, NL

The Earth, our Mother,
Has a desperate need,
Her problems overlooked,
Through our quest of greed

Global warming,
Climate change
Should not exist,
In this day and age

The obligation,
The time is right,
To help our Earth
Overcome this fight

Hope

By Curtis Pittman, Age 16
Marystown, NL

Ecological elements,
Suffering under the hands
Of their oppressors

Futile attempts to
Restore their vitality
Express distraught
Toward the dwindling future

Awaiting cooperation,
Initiation –
Our Earth weeps
Appreciate,
Perpetuate –
Our last hope to evade
Infinite ignorant ignominy

Polluted

By Standsalone Roan, Age 11
Chase, BC

Clear sky
Clean water
This is peace
Gas dripping
Polluted air
This is destruction
Why do we hurt our beloved Mother Earth?
Doesn't she carry us on her gentle body?
Doesn't she provide us with her food?

Doesn't she?