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Celebrating World Poetry Day

Poetry has been practised throughout history in every culture across the world. Poetry highlights common human experiences and shared values. It is a powerful tool for conveying powerful messages.

This Sunday, March 22, the world marks World Water Day to highlight the importance of safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

In celebration of both World Poetry Day (March 21) and World Water Day, we bring you poems on climate change from children.

The green was forgotten
The trees were forgotten
The wetlands were misused
And climate change
Is now a real scare
A nightmare that looms
Like a witch deep in the night
Would you?
You would surely not!

Would you look on as the
environment fades?
You would surely not
Would you sit back as the green
disappears?
Would you?
You would surely
not!

The ground cries as it sweats
The green fades, trees are gone
The wetlands cry as they are drained
Schools are dusty
Deforestation you have adopted
Conservation no more but rather
demolition
Resilience no more but rather
destruction
Would you?
You would surely not!

The quest for firewood and furniture
Fosters the cutting of trees.
Like a vanishing wind
Trees are disappearing
Our connection with

WOULD YOU?

nature is broken
Like a baby weaned off the mother's
breast.
The desert draws nearer us
It feels painful
It's the consequence of our negligence.

A change in mindset,
Is a change in behaviour
Kaveera is hazard to the environment
Do not make her your friend
She will choke the environment
And in regrets we shall cry.

My once green nature, I must fight
for you,
Protect you with all my might
Because nature is love

Nature is the trees
Nature is the rain
Joy and happiness my environment
deserves.

To re-establish my once green school,
Proper waste disposal shall be our
topic
For my environment to regain the
green
Recycling and reusing shall be our
tradition
Planting trees is a habit we must adopt

Tell me, will you?
Yes, you will.

**Ingrid, P7, Nabumali Boarding
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OH CLIMATE CHANGE

Oh Climate Change, you are a killer
Climate Change, you are a destroyer
You deny children the right to be educated
You kill people, animals, birds and fish
You make children orphans
You make people widows
You make people poor

Oh, Climate Change, you are a trouble maker
If I caught you, Climate Change, I would take you
to Police
You would be in prison for life
Climate Change, we shall do everything to stop you
Climate Change, we know what to do
We shall stop you.

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ACTION NOW FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

A greener tomorrow!
Hopefully you are seated
In a conducive environment
I cannot complain at Maria
Gorreth!!

The Earth is crying
soft but clear,
A whispered call we
need to hear.
The skies grow warm,
the rivers dry,
Yet still we pass the warning
by.

But hope is planted in our hands,
Like tiny seeds across the lands,
With every tree we choose to nurture,
We heal the wounds of Earth.

No more waste to waste,
We sort, re-use, recycle and share.
For cleaner streets and schools
We stand with NEMA side by side.

With stoves that save fuel and air,

We cook with thought, with love, with care.
Less smoke to cloud the morning,
More stars to shine on a peaceful night.

Our school turns green, alive, aware,
With demo gardens blooming everywhere,
A place where young minds rise to see
The power of responsibility.

No polythene to choke the ground.
New ways of packaging now are found.
We sort at the source.
Protecting the living green!

And briquettes made from waste,
Give energy to the world.
A recycling school, a future bright,
Where wrong is turned again to right!

The young, the youth, the old,
Let us act, not wait, nor fear
The time is now, right here.
Our environment, our responsibility.

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PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

A beautiful scenery we see
Beautiful mountains, rivers,
lakes and forests
Man enjoys watching them
Animals, big and small
Moving up and down in these
places

What has man done to
conserve the

environment?
Man has destroyed what he
has been given
Man has polluted the
environment
Man has degraded the land
Man has destroyed animals,
aquatic and plant life

What should man do now

To protect the environment?
Man should plant more trees
Man should stop poaching
Man should protect lakes and
rivers
By not pouring waste products
in them.

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SAVE OUR PLANET

Write, draw and win
with Save the Children



New Vision, in partnership with Save the Children, is running a campaign to sensitise the public on the causes of climate change and the measures for mitigation and adaptation.

All children in primary school are invited to participate in a writing and drawing/painting competition. To participate, write an article/poem or draw a picture that conveys a message about climate change and caring for the environment.

Do not miss this chance to participate and win school bags, textbooks and a set of three readers.

Send your work to nie@newvision.co.ug.

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Next week's question: What can be done to reduce single-use
plastics such as kaveera and bottles in your community?

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