

## Plastic Pollution

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Permeates through the Pacific

Like packs of piranhas

Perusing their prey,

Placards that say:

‘Poisoned and in pain’

## Gyres

Garbage patches.

Trash vortex.

Plastic soup.

The wind shakes,

And the Earth rotates.

## Microplastics

The industrial

Processes, create

Microplastic trash.

## Peanut

Like an orchid growing on a tree.

Except this orchid, is strong.

It bends the tree and deforms it.

The flowers, and the fruit, and the branches...

Fail to grow.

### Plastic Smog

Five trillion pieces

Two hundred fifty thousand

Tons in the ocean

### Sea Turtle Thoughts

“Jellyfish?”

No.

Plastic bag.

### The Great Wave of Trash

The Great “Trash” Wave

Is what they should call it.

It no longer threatens boats,

But life in the same place

It thrives off of.

The mountain is covered in plastic,

Not snow.

The white foam and blue wave is now darkened

In unholy shades of garbage.

Thirty six views of Mount Plastic.

### Plastic Diamonds

What is that shining?

Is it plastic or diamonds?

Either way, they stay.

## Plastic Riddle

Just because you cannot see it,

Does not mean it isn't there.

It's hiding.

Far out of reach,

Far out of sight.

Funny thing is, it's right on top.

A new home for organisms,

Because it took their old one.

It's poisoning them,

In turn it's poisoning you.

Plastic

Ocean waste

Impervious to water

Destroying homes of organisms

Synthetic

Pollution

Dirty, harmful

Smothering, choking, killing

Plastic, disease, cleanliness, purification

Prosperity, Life

Cleaning

If Dr. Seuss Wrote Books on Plastic in the Ocean

Plastic here

Plastic there

My oh my

Why it's everywhere!

It's in the turtles

And it's in the fishes

Oh my goodness

Those go on our dishes!

What's Inside That Counts

Take a look

Inside the stomach

Of a seventy year old

Sea turtle

You will not see food.

Dare I say, I've never seen,

A body of water that was clean,

Cause in the end everything goes,

Into the ocean, except your toes.

Pollution

Plastic-stasher

Habitat-destroyer

Life-sucker

Fish-killer

Seal-choker

Jellyfish-impersonator

Surface-sleeper

Trash-monger

Home-robber

Writing poems is something I love to do so I figured I'd create a collection of poems about the theme of "Our Oceans, Our Plastic." Each poem has something to do with plastic pollution. What, how, and who plastic pollution affects are what I focus on. Peanut for example, was a turtle found deformed by a 6-pack ring. The first time I saw the picture of Peanut I was incredibly disturbed by the effects of plastic pollution on marine animals. I didn't even think something like that was possible. Throughout the collection of poems I explored different forms of poetry. This collection of poems contains cinquains, haikus, riddles, kennings, diamante, epigram, and free verse.