

Colorful Atrocity

Bakelite, Formica, Melamine, Plexiglas, Polystyrene
In our sea
The flowing water we like to play in
The mystical blue
The swirls of green
The bits of teal
The bits of grey
The chunks of yellow
Translucent floating
Drifting further out to sea
A human necessity
An animal atrocity
Poisoning God's creatures
Their beaks getting stuck
Their insides getting cut
The animals think its food
That it is not
It's a human necessity
Destroying society
Everywhere we see plastic
On our heads
Beneath our feet
Carrying our groceries
Everywhere we look
We see a human necessity
Plastic
An animal atrocity
They never biodegrade
But they are ingested
To be a killer
A slow and quiet death
For the most exquisite
Flowing, lively creatures
Affecting our ecosystem
Killing off the beauties
God created for the sea
To be seen by all

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Reflection

My name is Megen Humecky, I am a 15-year-old girl. I am a freshman in high school. I play volleyball, soccer, and swim. After graduating from high school, I would like to go to college to be a pharmacist.

In my free time I enjoy going to the beach. I live about 25 minutes from the nearest beach and go frequently. I witness first hand all the plastic and excessive amounts of trash that wash up on the shore. I see the animals and how it affects them.

Snorkeling with the fish of Hawaii, and the turtles that bask on the rocks. Swimming with dolphins and seeing them leap out of the water. Watching the whales from the edge of the pier. Knowing how they are curious. Curious of the color, which ends up killing them. Destroying the once clean and calming beach. Instead, we walk along and find water bottles, grocery bags, and food containers covering the white sand of our beaches. We need to stop destroying our beaches and our environment. But what we shall do is enjoy the beauty of our beaches once again.