

Down by the ocean
after a storm
clear blue sky
crisp clean air
and the purest waves
hurrying to meet the shore

But the shore is sluggish
overloaded with all the debris
washed away from the city
Everything
that everyone throws away
soon will be eaten by fish
Polystyrene cups
depleting our ozone layer
Unrecycled plastic bottles
taking forever to disintegrate
Countless cigarette filters
disposed off nonchalantly
Greenland
and Antarctica ice caps
melting rapidly
Our cities flooding
weather patterns
changing everywhere
Fires burning

I want to leave a great earth
as a legacy to our children
to be enjoyed
Not living in fear
of the next natural disaster
brought on by human indifference
and ignorance

Global warming is real
and is affecting everyone
All drains lead to the ocean

ALL DRAINS LEAD TO THE OCEAN

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