

## **Don't Let this be the Future**

We live in a world of darkness  
Where no animals can be seen  
There's so much brick and concrete  
The forests are no longer green

I do not wake to birdsong  
But drilling and roadworks instead  
The only animals left alive  
Are the ones inside my head

As I journey to school  
I pick some litter of the ground  
Oh, if only people could care some more  
The earth is our only playground

When I walk by the skyscrapers and buildings  
I notice the remains of an ancient oak  
I would've liked to see this beautiful tree  
But of course, it's been turned to smoke

In geography we learned about what used to be  
Of extinct species and the oceans  
Seeing images of dying polar bears  
It has brought on so many emotions

I come home rather upset  
Thinking of all that could've been done

So many species are dying and dead  
There's probably not long left for the sun

Again, I fall asleep to engines  
Fumes poison the world every minute  
I know we humans haven't long left  
When before we thought we'd be infinite

I only wish to be amongst nature  
And sing along with the birds  
Although we are different  
I felt that we spoke the same words

I wish I could go back in time  
And change what has become today  
We could have turned things around  
Before they had reached halfway

I want to leave you with a thought on planet earth  
It's something you must not forget  
This planet belongs to future generations  
So do nothing that you'll regret

**Lily**