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Recitation Contest 課題文

You Can Change the World

Hello, I'm Severn Suzuki / speaking on behalf of ECO, /
the Environmental Children's Organization. We raised all the money
ourselves / to come six thousand miles / to tell you adults /
you must change your ways.

You don't know how to fix the holes / in our ozone layer.
You don't know how to bring salmon / back to a dead stream.
You don't know how to bring back an animal / now extinct.
And you can't bring back the forests / that once grew /
where there is now a desert.
If you don't know how to fix it, / please stop breaking it!

Two days ago / here in Brazil, / we were shocked / when we spent
time / with some children / living on the streets.

And this is what one child told us:

"I wish I was rich.

And if I were, / I would give / all the street children / food, clothes,
medicine, shelter and love and affection."

If a child on the street / who has nothing / is willing to share, /
why are we / who have everything / still so greedy?

I'm only a child / yet I know / if all the money spent on war /
was spent on ending poverty / and finding environmental answers, /
what a wonderful place / this Earth would be.

You grown-ups say / you love us.
I challenge you, / please, / make your actions / reflect your words.

Thank you for listening.