

## Children's Environmental Health

She deserves to dream, to hope, and to desire  
To enjoy this world, and be inspired  
She deserves a chance to grow and to flourish  
To survive and thrive in a world she can cherish.

She came with expectations of not too much  
Just clean earth and nature, pure water and such.  
But she saw rivers of contamination, clouded with pollution,  
Greenhouse emissions and nature subject to abomination.

She saw her struggles that were lurking  
It wasn't just competing and excelling.  
It included fighting the effects of lead and methane  
The oceans of plastic, the dioxin and furan.

She was faced with smoke, chemicals, and carcinogens  
The diseases, the disabilities, and the limitations.  
Caught in the spinoff of urbanization  
Her story wasn't heard amidst the thick of pollution.

She doesn't deserve beaches with trash and oil,  
Nor the clouds of acid rain seeping into our soil.  
Humanity isn't slowing to ponder what our future generations  
will need  
We are carelessly depleting our planet to replenish our ego  
and greed.

It has to be stopped-  
The exploitation of nature and blind approach to our future  
We cannot let our environment perish,  
Future generations deserve a world to cherish.

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