

UNI-VERSE POET-TREE entrants 2009

Poems addressed the theme of the 2009 World Environment Day; "Your Planet Needs You- Unite to Combat Climate Change"

In Alphabetical Order

COFEE HAIKU

By Anonymous, Printery

Time for The Coffee:
Frothy clouds with two-shots strong
Cup drank, now which bin?

YOUR PLANET NEEDS YOU-UNITE TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

By Mr Russell Jennings, Buildings & Grounds

The path was clear, the sky was blue, the sun it shone, and we did too.
Industrialisation, technological change, convenience mattered, so the climate changed.
Now the sky is grey, but the sun burns through, baking the planet and our skin too.

For the next generation life expectancy drops, the poles will melt, and sea level tops.
Small islands swamped, hypersensitivity reigns, the fauna dies, and the flora wanes.
The time is here to battle this strife, before we wane, before all's lost.

No ONE can repair the damage that's done; so we must unite, to make a change.
As the world awakes to a different era, our planet unites to make it clearer.
Get onto the wagon, for together we can make changes for the better.
Not just die on the sands.

RED ALERT (Winning Poem)

By Ms Suzanne Ronayne, Graduate School of Medicine

Escalating mass extinction
Ocean vortex full of trash
Mt Everest rubbish tip
North Africa starves
World glaciers melt
Indian floods worsen
Air pollution increases
Forests burn
The drought continues

Our climate system has a memory
Everything we have done before
contributes to the now
We are about to meet our future
created in the past

No respect for the earth
No happiness to follow
No plants, animals or birds
No me, no you
Just lots of plastic bottles decomposing
for the next 400 years