

Why Does It Matter?

Why does it matter if we clear the sky,

'Till the sun shines bright as the days go by?

If it will be outshined by the beams and the rays,

Of explosions that set the world ablaze?

Like a sandcastle built right on the shore,

When we hear it too much, we start to ignore.

But the messengers are drained with nowhere to escape,

And many have given up and accepted their fate.

The messengers are tired and they can't reach severity's door;

By the time they can knock, we will be no more.

We didn't start the fire, but it's our house to save;

If we don't fix the mess, we're just digging our own graves.

Why does it matter if we clear our fields,

With thick strong trees and all nature yields?

The buzz of bees, fresh flowers, and grass dark green—

The freshest world that has ever been seen—

If they're trampled by thousands attempting to run,

From what was manufactured to catch up and get the job done?

Years and tears of effort swallowed in a blur,

By poisonous mushrooms, one after the other.

Instead of hiding under white clouds that peak past the sun,

We hide under desks from orange clouds until we've "won."

Can we claim that we've won when there's nothing to save?

We've conquered the land just to rule our own graves.

Why does it matter if there are no landfills or garbage heaps that reach the sky,

If they are replaced with bodies that reach the core as the world passes by?

Why does it matter if we leave a planet better than we found it,

If we will be the last ones to ever have kept it?

Why save thousands of animals and plants in this place,

If we are exchanging their extinction with our own race?

In order to save the planet, we must stop the competition,

Of finding and creating more ways for our own demolition.

Earth Day doesn't just mean picking up garbage or planting something new;

It means making sure our efforts aren't destroyed by what a few people do.

It means making sure all our work to restore

Isn't destroyed with one direct order for war.

Why does it matter?

Because it hasn't fully hit everyone yet.

Because there is still a way to evade the threat—

It's not too late.