

Why is it important for young people to reconnect with creation?

I chose the question “Why is it important for young people to reconnect with creation?” because I believe that without the hands of young people, the earth that God gifted us will not survive as long as it was intended to. In my poem, I included a repeating phrase, ‘Tick - Tock. Tick - Tock.’ This symbolises how the earth is like a clock, counting down the seconds until it is destroyed by us humans, the supposed caretakers of this planet.

I chose the following Laudato Si quote: “Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another.” because it tells us that not only us humans use the earth to thrive, but other animals too, and if we keep on destroying our planet, we are destroying theirs too. This means that humans are selfish and don't care for other living creatures on earth other than us, even though we are all dependent on one another. It connects to my poem by showing that the earth that humans turned from green to grey not only affects us, but also others, which makes it much worse. It plays on human hearts, as it makes them feel guilty.

It also connects to the Catholic Social Teaching ‘Stewardship’ as stewardship means to be caretakers of the earth, and if the young people don't start now, the earth will be destroyed at a much more alarming rate than what was meant. It also shows that the only reason people were put on this earth was to be stewards of the earth, and how we are failing to do that, and the result of us failing to do so.

My poem also connects back to the Genesis scripture: "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." As it shows that humans have been given everything we could need to survive, but we take it all for granted.

Therefore, we are destroying the earth by our greed, and we take what we want, not what we need.

It also connects back to my college theme of hope, as it shows the world still has hope if the young people feel motivated to fix the earth for the future generations to come, and to fulfil their duties of being stewards of the earth.

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When I go knocking on Gods door
I'm not that with an ethereal creature
but a clock.

Tick-Tock. Tick-Tock.

The smoke invades the blue sky, forever stained
A gift of green humans turned it grey.

Tick-Tock. Tick-Tock.

The once lively planet, destroyed

Our careless hands ignored the earth we avoid

Tick-Tock. Tick-Tock.

Not only our home but throes, replaced with machines

Human hands pry between layers of earth leaving scars unseen

Tick-Tock. Tick-Tock.

The hands we hold are covered in earth's blood.

Covered in grey, a man-made flood.

Tick-Tock. Tick-Tock.

The earth lies while we deny

but not anymore, we don't have to say goodbye

The ticking stops

The presence of human ~~can~~ keeps stays clear

Murmuring life for all to hear

Nature is a window to the soul

The birds fly free, no need to control

Human hands help as the earth checks

The clouds drop their fears

We care for the earth like our own

before it's left to stand alone

Now when I knock on Gods door
He smiles down on the world humans care for