

Part B

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My Poem

What Does Peace With Creation Look Like to You? - Emilia Giaccotto

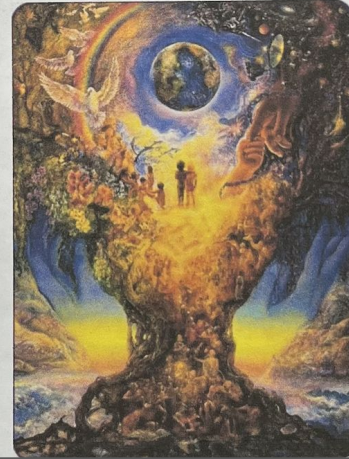
"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all."

The curious, blue eyes of a young child
Glimmer beneath the evening sun's warm glow
In the distance, a brown-eyed boy smiled
Warmth fosters connection; God's children grow

Birds chirp, trees whoosh, flowers stem from each bush
His sons, His daughters, made in His image
"Creation is yours," He says with a push
For you, and for them, allow no scrimmage

God's gifts are divine, our world is sacred
So we cherish and treasure them always
Protect, restore, leave no room for hatred
Be stewards, not destroyers, in all days

Love thy animals, thy neighbour, thy self
Like threads, all intertwined by God Himself



Reflection

My competition question: *“What does peace with creation look like to you?”*

My Laudato Si Quote: *“The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all”.*

In my poem, I chose to bring light to a range of different topics. These include:

In my first stanza, I wrote about a child with blue eyes in contrast to another child with brown eyes. This simple, yet effective, stanza represents how no one is created the same, yet we are all God’s children made in His image.

In the next stanza, I wrote about how creation belongs to every form of life on this Earth, and it is not something that we should fight over. There is beauty all around us; birds that soar the sky and flowers that decorate our grounds. The world that God has created for us is a ‘common good’ that does not belong to a select group of people; it is a divine gift that belongs to all of humanity, and to the animals and living organisms that inhabit our Earth.

In the third stanza, I wrote about how we must cherish all that God has given and created for us, as it is not endless. We are at peace with the gifts God has provided us with (peace with creation), and we must, in turn, recognise our connection to everyone and everything made in His image, and treasure it. “Protect, restore, leave no room for hatred. Be stewards, not destroyers, in all days,” – these two lines from my poem are an example of how it is our entrusted responsibility to respect creation, and those coexisting with us on this Earth.

Finally, the last two lines speak about how being at peace with Creation also means to love one another. We are all connected, like fine threads, as we are all made differently, but still in God’s image. I spoke about the importance of loving yourself and who God created you to be, but also loving and respecting the animals and fellow humans.

How does caring for creation demonstrate our 2025 STCC theme of hope?

Caring for Creation correlates with hope in the sense that looking after Creation and being good stewards is almost a promise of rehabilitation and respect. Caring for Creation gives us hope that we, as people of God, can recognise the issues in our world and how we are damaging it, and make a change for the better. Even starting somewhere as small as just within St Columba's students, we can make a difference and strive to restore creation and manage it the way God intended when he gave us dominion.