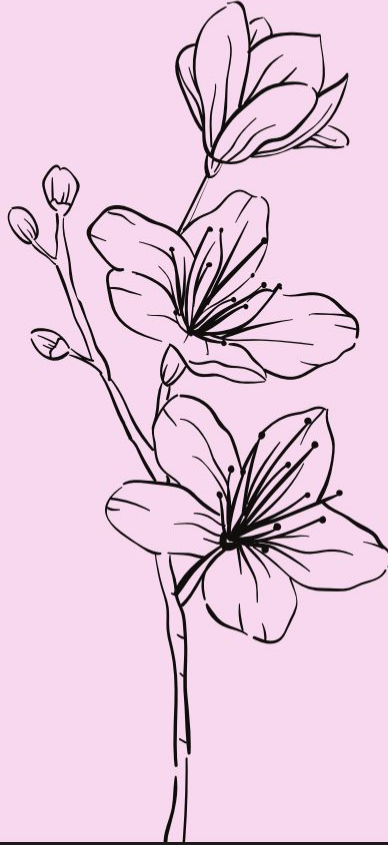


Poem

Modern days
and modern ways
make us forget
how to pray

Replace our minds
with a lump of metal
we pick the flower
and tear the petal



We bite the apple
but the apple is rotten
because God's gift
has been forgotten

The last droplet of water,
the last leaf on a tree
the last bird on a branch
is when we will see
we cannot survive
by eating money





Part B: Judge

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

I believe this poem relates to the verses in Genesis and quotes from Laudato Si because it discusses the importance of taking care of our earth before it's too late. It also mentions the need to be grateful for the blessed land we have today. I believe the younger generation, including ours, needs to be exposed to the natural world and its resources, rather than relying solely on the resources we have online or those that are man-made. The younger generation is very much distracted by new electronic devices such as phones and/or AI. It is shown and proven that it can damage and distract our developing brains from our faith, belief and practices. The natural world has everything we need for survival, and although it's good to evolve and move forward in the sense of technology, we must never forget or take advantage of the beautiful, nourishing earth and ocean God has gifted to us.

