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On an empty yet quiet road
Rows of baby pink, mauve and daisy flowers gently blown
The birds tweeted, the butterflies gracefully flapped
Around our environment, a sense of love and care attentively wrapped

Creatures of all kind swam, crept and flew
A chilly gust of wind swept the sky, setting a shade of blue
A variety of trees, shrubs and crops stood with pride
Waterfalls lightly trickled down the side

With everyone's help- no matter the size
We'll all be able to reach our ultimate prize
Wherever you are, your help contributes to our passion
Our hands and hearts are carefully filled with love and compassion

Let us act upon stewardship
Through worship's light and fellowship.
As God once said, nurture the lands, the sky and the seas.
Finally, the world is quiet with ease

“What does peace of creation look like to you?”

Reflecting through faith

“ In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!”

My chosen teaching reflects the key message of poem, outlining the significance of caring for our planet. It highlights the importance of how every simple action can contribute to creating a sustainable, lush and flourishing environment for everyone. When our planet is nurtured with care and compassion, each and every living being ; whether its an insect, an animal or a human, will thrive. No matter who or what you are, everyone should get an equal amount of love and care brought into their life.

Demonstrated through lines such as “The birds tweeted, the butterflies gracefully flapped” and “As God once said, nurture the lands, the sky and the seas,” emphasise the harmony in creation while reminding us of our faith and human responsibilities.

My chosen quote carefully reinforces the heart of my poem, thus hoping we all come together to create a world of love and harmony for everyone.

Year-round, the school also runs food, toiletry, and item drives for students to donate.



St Columbas Theme

Hope

Peace of creation include activities like maintaining our community (planting various trees around the neighbourhood) , reusing items for multiple purposes, choosing sustainable materials over plastic and pausing to embrace the nature that surrounds us. These activities not only allow us to build a better environment for everyone now, but confirm a secure life for future generations. The present provides hope to young children, who deserve to inherit a healthy and thriving world.

St Columba's supports fundraisers like Helping Hands for vulnerable teens, the Good Samaritan Inn for those facing family violence or homelessness, and St Paul's College, which provides a safe learning space for students with disabilities. Plus, every house colour chooses a charity to support and donate to every year.

As our school community come together, we inspire others to join as well.

Not only does this provide assistance for those in need, but create the ideal planet God aspired of. Moreover, as mentioned earlier, we should make the most use of old items and mindfully choose what'll benefit our community. We live with the land, sky, and seas, as everyone brings hope for a world where humans and nature flourish as one, treating one another with equality and love.

Ultimately, caring for creation provides an insight into St Columba's theme of Hope. As God's creations, the ecological and environmental choices we make are our religious and spiritual responsibilities. This'll include serving those in need, being mindful about our choices towards the planet but predominantly- doing these truly from the bottom of your heart; not over pity.

In the hopes of St Columba's, let us continue to live in generosity, love and shalom (peace)- now and forever.