



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

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Key stage 3

Changing Climate

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Help

Children, children, can you hear me cry?
These are my tears streaking the sky.

Children, children, can you hear me roar?
The pain is searing, the pain is raw.

Children, children, can you feel me choke?
On all this plastic, all this smoke.

Children, children, can you feel me scream?
I miss icy oceans and grass so green.

Children, children, can you feel the heat?
It's burning all over; my face, my feet.

Children, children, can you promise me
that you will be different, will set me free?

Children, children, I'll be here forever
if you make a promise to make me feel better.

Children, children, if you give me your word
I will give you my all - I will give you the world.

Casia Wiliam

Activity:

Read the poem together.

Then, discuss the following:

- Who is speaking in the poem? (earth)
- What is wrong? Why is she sad and worried? (conversation about climate change)
- What exactly is wrong? (discuss the cause and effects of climate change. You can find loads of great info and simple videos here:
<https://www.wwf.org.uk/what-we-do/area-of-work/climate-change-and-energy>)
- What can we do to help? Visit WWF's website - there are a number of very simple things that each of us can do today to help reduce climate change:
<https://www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour>
- For further work, you could ask the pupils to write a poem in reply, a poem to earth, to explain the changes they are going to make to tackle climate change.

