



I WAS BORN INTO A WORLD

I was born into a world
Before recycling was a thing,
Before oil wars,
When the biggest world
Threat was nuclear.

The only extinct thing
Was the Dodo,
We consumed and junked.
Then we were told about
Droughts, and disappearing
Rainforests,
About melting ice caps.

And we fought Iraq
For a second time,
Like father like son;
We needed our oil
Because we didn't want
Those electric cars.

At one time there were
Huge monsters that
Walked where we walk,
Nature swallowed them easy.

Or maybe you believe
It all started with Adam and Eve,
But they too were kicked
From the garden
As are we,
With our poison beaches
Run down towns
And our atmosphere
That kills.

I write a poem
And preach to the converted.

We send out loud messages
To ourselves,
That our world is dying:
1984, Blade Runner,
Armageddon, The Road.
I've yet to read a book,
Or watch a film about a future
I'd like to live in.

Fortunately for me,
I'll die before the earth,
But I'd like a place for my
Computer chip self
To click and beep
In bright, clean happiness.

James Franco

Activities:

- Put the translated verses of the poem "I was Born into a World" in the correct order:

O tal vez crees que todo comenzó con Adán y Eva, pero ellos también fueron echados del jardín como nosotros ahora, con nuestras playas envenenadas corriendo por las ciudades y nuestra atmósfera que aniquila.

Una vez llegó a haber monstruos gigantes que caminaban por donde caminábamos nosotros; la naturaleza se los tragó fácilmente.

Nací En Un Mundo

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Escribo un poema y predico a los convertidos.

Afortunadamente para mí, estaré muerto antes que la Tierra, pero me gustaría un lugar para el chip de mi ordenador en el que pudiera hacer click, y beep, en clara y limpia felicidad.

Nos enviamos mensajes estridentes a nosotros mismos, sobre nuestro mundo, que muere: 1984, Blade Runner, Armageddon, The Road. No hay libro que haya leído o película que haya visto sobre un futuro en el que quisiera vivir.

Y luchábamos contra Irak una segunda vez; de tal palo tal astilla; necesitábamos nuestro petróleo porque no queríamos esos coches eléctricos.

Nací en un mundo antes de que reciclar existiera, antes de las guerras de petróleo, cuando la mayor amenaza mundial era la nuclear.

Lo único extinto era el Dodo; consumíamos y desechábamos, para después ser sermoneados sobre sequías y bosques amazónicos que desaparecían, sobre los polos deritiéndose.

Questions:

- What is the poem about?
- One group of verses contains a saying. Which one?
- Write your own free verses (5 verses minimum) about climate change.