

AGE 18-25 WINNING ENTRY

MY CHANGING WORLD

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People catching up, connecting online

“Why not?” They exclaim, “we're not short on time.”

“Hi, how are you? I know it's been a while,”

They joke and they laugh, they can't help but smile.

Parents shout, “the sun's out, let's go for a run,

Grab your bikes kids, c'mon, it'll be fun!

Let's hunt down some bears, spot rainbows of hope

With weather like this, there's no need to mope!”

The Chinese look up and see the blue sky

People in Venice watch dolphins swim by

The gasping world can finally inhale

As people stop polluting full-scale

The bar's closed, time for a balcony rave

Dance like no one's watching, go on, be brave!

The famous reach out, connecting with fans

Workouts, comedy, Shakespeare and live bands

To find the normal we look to the past

But c'mon people, how long will that last?

Look around you, our normal has changed

Look at this future that we've rearranged.

Sometimes it's hard and you just want to cry

To look to the sky and think, “why God, why?”

But look at the good, amid all the bad

Look at these things that have made us less sad

In decades time we'll look back on this year

The choice is yours; will it be with love or fear?