

# Young Writer Competition

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WRITER** COMPETITION



**Stephenson  
House**

From adversity comes  
progress.

## What did I do to deserve this?

Flowers blooming on steep valleys.

Waterfalls shimmering as they tumble down.

Volcanoes erupting, a sight of glory.

Ladybirds, butterflies.

My wonders big and small.

Choking on the fumes from your fast cars.

Disgusted by the litter you dress me with.

Nature's gifts – trees, clear water, ice,  
cut down, squandered, melted away.

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Another species becomes history.

Giraffes, orangutans, pandas -

who's next?

Bereft of my friends, I stand lonely.

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Burning sun blisters me

and distorts my features.

Rising waters lap at my feet

and threaten to drown me.

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See the anger in my red sky.  
Feel the sorrow in my rain.  
I gave you beauty,  
but look what it became.  
And there's only YOU to blame.

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