

# Beautiful oceans

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As you walk along the rocky beaches

The cold wind whistles

A crab scurries under a rock

Seagulls cry overhead

You look out at the waters, so calm it's like they're sleeping

ARF! ARF! ARF! Seals play on the rocks

The gentle *shhh...shhh...shhh* of the waves lapping up against the beach

Gives a sense of calm

Everything is announcing to you

*This is the ocean.*

What lies under the glittering turquoise waters?

A world full of wonderful marine creatures?

A world of life, and beauty, and peace?

Or a world of plastic, and trash, as far as the eye can see

Choking animals, poisoning them, killing them

Destroying the lives of these innocent animals

Disrupting the peace

Of the beautiful ocean

Of the world

Of our home

And it's our own fault

We are the monsters

Who destroyed this beautiful place

With our carelessness, and stupidity

What, oh, what have we done?

No

That is not the question

The question is

What can we do?

For all is not lost

We can fix our mistakes

We just have to ask

What can we do?

All the plastic

That is dumped into the poor ocean

Is brought there by the wind

Or by storm drains

Or by incredibly stupid people who throw it right into the already suffering waters

How can you make sure your plastic doesn't end up in any of those places?

Don't throw away your plastic

How do you do that?

Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

Don't use plastic in the first place

Buy bags of cloth and fabric

Metal water bottles

And don't smoke plastic cigarettes

Reduce your use of plastic

Try to use the plastic you have again

Turn a plastic water bottle into a place to put money

Or a watering can

Or a bird feeder  
Reuse the plastic you have  
And lastly, don't throw away your plastic  
Find the recycling bin  
And recycle  
It's not hard  
None of it is hard  
You *can* make a difference  
And perhaps you'll inspire others to do the same  
And save the beautiful sea  
Save the fish, the dolphins, and the coral  
And help turn the amazing ocean  
Back to how it's supposed to be  
The ocean needs your help  
It needs everyone's help  
Give the ocean the help it needs  
And you will be thanked  
By the ocean, it's creatures, and the people who rely on the ocean  
You just have to hope  
And you just have to try  
And the ocean will be beautiful again