

# Ang aking dagat (My Ocean)

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I stepped foot in your presence and see a reflection of how nature sees me  
I see not the color of my skin but the color of the sea  
As if it is telling me to see beyond color  
To see myself for who I truly am, a person  
I am one person  
A person that carries the dreams of others  
Constantly reaching for opportunities one after another  
You are one ocean  
An ocean that carries the existence of others and provides for people beyond borders  
You are but one ocean yet often wounded by the polluted debris on your body  
Wounded with the toxic liquids that harm your true beauty  
You are often misunderstood but I see parts of you that people ignore  
I see how you embrace and comfort us when the night is young  
Together with the warmth of the sun and the coldness of the sea, I am comforted  
I watch as you are polluted with products of corruption and destructed by the hands of many  
I carry your suffering on my shoulders, and your experiences on my voice  
I will carry your cries with no shame and declare that it is enough  
You have embraced us for who we are  
It is now time for us to do the same