

STOPWASTE

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May the 4Rs Be With You Contest 2021

My 4Rs: Replenish, Revise, Redo, Repay



*We pay the price.
redo, revise, replenish,
and repay*

Beauty's Decay

In the lone fields
There stands a hidden beauty
Once gleaming
Now perishing

In silence
The red rose withers
Alone in the field like it started

Hope isn't lost
There still is time
Not a second to spare or else
This would be the flower's last life

The hush meadow lies peacefully
For it's locked away in secret
For nobody to know

My (Re)Generation Action Story:

Catastrophic events are happening every day to our fragile world, and we have to fix them. In order to do so, we have to change our thoughts, minds, and actions. My 4Rs are REplenish, REvise, REdo, and REpay.

This wilting rose represents my 4Rs. Though it is tiny, the changes it can spark are huge. This is a picture of Earth's natural beauty--nature. We have to ensure that we make the world a better place. We, as humans, have disturbed the peaceful balance of nature and must do something about it to ensure that the world has a future. This is a rose, decaying away, dying because of our selfishness. It is a metaphor for the world if we don't protect it. The rose symbolizes that there is time because of the color, faded, but still remaining there. This is a chance to revise and make the future better by learning from our past mistakes. It is a chance to change ourselves before it is too late.

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Simonya's Story Continued:

We can study the carbon footprint, and study the effect of our consumption on the environment. We can take this knowledge and pass it on others to get them to join the regeneration!

A chance to redo our behavior to save the world from slipping away. To grasp it and hold it tight to make sure it doesn't fall. A chance to save it from the end. A chance to be better before it is too late.

We can create a poll in our town to ban plastic bags and teach others of the dangers to the world. This helps us take action and start to make a change. In my picture, the rose's colors are all pigmented very lightly. If we do not replenish and protect the precious world, all of the natural flora and fauna could potentially disappear, leaving us with a black hole instead of a rainbow. Making sure that we do this is crucial. Instead of cutting trees down at a rapid speed, we can simply take what we need and replant trees instead. To illustrate, we have lost about 2 billion hectares of the Amazon Rainforest, and if we don't do anything, we'll lose such a valuable natural resource.

Together, we can plant trees, and stop using fossil fuels. We have to replenish our planet for it to last another day. The Earth does so much for us, and we have to repay it for all it has done.