

The Power in My Hands

The world is vast, but I am resolute,

With a power that's entirely my own.

To protect the forests, verdant and perennial,

And the seeds of change that we have sown.

I have the power to Reduce the surplus,

To Reuse the commodities on the shelf.

I Recycle the glass and the polymers,

For the planet's health, and not for myself.

New York is our home, from the harbor to the Highlands,

Let's keep our tributaries sparkling and clean.

With "Our Power, Our Planet," we're asserting our stand, To safeguard a future, resilient and green!

**This piece was developed as part of a collective project within our High School Ecology classes. While our class collaborated on the overarching theme and structural framework of the "Our Power, Our Planet" manifesto, each student has individually customized their work. Every entry represents a unique perspective, featuring a specific New York land feature or a particular waste-reduction challenge that the student feels most passionate about protecting or solving.

Thank you,

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