# 2018 Chemists Celebrate Earth Week Illustrated Poetry Contest

**IL Heartland Local ACS Section Winners**

**Theme: Dive into Marine Chemistry**

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**Judges:** Kervin Evans, Steve Hanley, Marjorie Jones and Jocelyn Lanorio
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2nd Place: Morgan Milsteadt
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Poem:

As I dive deep down,
Floral arrangements, fly by first,
Anaglycon from carnation past,
A symbiotic relationship found.

Beneath the deep seas,
I see signs of glue, toomacminated,
pale Ghosts of species,
from these taken by the Reaper.

Far away from ocean’s shore
Between tectonic plates,
Magma heats water from the floor,
Minerals precipitate
Chemosynthetic bacteria thrive
Heat from vents, go sulfurous.
With tube worms living alongside,
The simple symbiosis.
9th–12th Grade:
3rd Place: Piper Coe
Normal Community High School
Teacher: Jeff Christopherson

Ocean Dance

Your calm waves create a rhythm
That the seaweed dances to
The coral joins with them
Their fluorescent bodies
Flourish and thrive
Underneath your calm waves
Spending their lives
Forever entranced
In this ocean dance
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Coral Change
By Malachi Johnson

All fish don’t belong on a dish
It’s my only wish
Not trying to be childish.

Species are invading
Knowing people having.
Other fish invading coral
That’s how they die.

Not gonna lie!
New species wanna intrude
Overfishing is rude!

The Plastic Vortex

There’s an island of plastic
sitting in the Pacific Ocean.
The situation is drastic,
causing quite a commotion.

The marine food chain
is threatened by this pollution.
Using floating screens to contain
this debris may be part of the solution.
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THE OCEAN SHINING SO BRIGHT
AS PRETTY AS CAN BE
FULL OF PLANKTON
SHY AND FREE
FULL OF FISH
SWIMMING GRACEFULLY
WHALES AND DOLPHINS
SWIMMING SO FREE
OCEAN SO BRIGHT
JUST LIKE YOU AND ME

Precious eat seaweed.
Leopard sharks eat medium fish
And small fish.
Never forget plankton
Koalas eat eaten by whales.
Tangs eat small fish.
Otters eat small fish.
Not us!

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Argenta-Oreana Elementary School
Teacher: Cheryl England

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Marine Life

In the ocean there are many fish.

There is salt water in the ocean.

In the ocean there is something called plankton.

Whales eat plankton.

When it gets dark the plankton looks like it glows.

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3rd Place: Hannah Lee
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