

Plastic Problems

The things that we eat and the things that we buy
are causing us problems and I'll tell you why.

They come in a box, a bag or a cup
that we throw in the bin for someone else to pick up.

Some we recycle and reuse, true enough
but what happens to all the rest of the stuff?

It goes in a hole in the ground out of sight
but if we can't see it, does that make it right?

The plastic they're made from lasts for so long
to dump it and hide it seems very wrong.

What will they say in years from now?
When they dig up this rubbish, they'll all wonder how
we managed to bury so much of our waste
from bottles and wrappers to tubes of toothpaste.

And that's just the rubbish we put in the ground
much of it lies in wait to be found

by birds and fish who think that the taste
will be food to eat and not plastic waste.

But don't be sad, for there is a solution
to the puzzling problem of plastic pollution.

Use less, of course, that helps a lot
but don't forget the things that can rot.

There's paper and cardboard that we can use
and biodegradable bags to choose.

For instead of lasting year after year
it only takes weeks until they disappear.

So next time you're shopping, and given the choice
make a difference, speak up, raise your voice!

Tell all those who will listen and the rest:
for the sake of the future, do what is best.

Reduce, reuse, recycle, oh yes!

Let's try our hardest to use plastic less.