

Here, four fourth graders—inspired by [WritingFix's Change the World Poetry Lesson](#)—wrote and revised the following poems. As they drafted and then improved their poems, they worked hard on their idea development and voice skills.

Read both poems with a partner, then talk about where you see each writer showing his/her best skill with idea development and voice. Be prepared to share your observations with the whole class.

I Can Change the World...

by Liam, 4th grade poet

The world is passing by,
I see many sad things and
I ask "Why?"

Why must there be war
when there should be peace?

Drugs are everywhere
when minds should be clean.

Pollution and waste are all around.
The earth, it needs to breathe.

I can do my part.
I'll need your help.
That's a good start...

Let's change the world.



Changing the World

by Jessica, 4th grade poet

Changing the world starts at home.
I will tell you with this simple poem.

Simple little things like:
Not letting water run when you brush
your teeth.
Ride bikes instead of cars, don't give
me no grief.

Use tap water instead of bottled,
Throw trash where it belongs,
Plant a garden and some trees,
As you leave the room, shut off lights and TV's,

Use the library for books instead of stores,
There are so many, many more
Things that can change the world.
I don't want to be a bore

I will give you one last idea:
Use recycled media.



To Change the World

by Derek, 4th grade poet

I can—no—I will change the world
With my own two hands.

Make less gas with electric cars.
Give to the poor and make them
strong.

Get my friends and family to change
it too.

Make less trash.

Recycle!

Save trees of green.

Change the world with me.



I Can Change the World

by Ashlyn, 4th grade poet

I can change the world,
I can make it all a better place,
I can feed the poor,
And help the human race.
They say we are just kids,
But I have confidence
That me and all my friends
Can change the world today.

