

## **My Surroundings**

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Such lovely scenery does surround me,  
But my work and stress have already bound me,  
I slave away and don't notice my environment,  
All I notice is the lofty buildings and pavement,

We have to take a step back and look around,  
You can't see the beauty if your head is always down,  
'Cause we care more about shoes and cars,  
Then we do about shooting stars,

The flutter of leaves from the light breeze,  
Is one more thing that I, myself oversees,  
The shimmering light from the glimmering sun,  
Without much thought, there is another one,

But the balance of nature is starting to be undone,  
A destructive force, humans have become,  
We take down whatever is in our paths,  
We take over so nothing ever lasts,

This has already come back to bite us,  
Only after destruction will we make a fuss

Note: I wrote this poem because I began writing on my front porch, and just couldn't think about anything else but the beautiful landscape that was around me. Also, I love the outdoors, so that is always a part of my life.

# Undecided

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I inhale the thick warm air,  
Only a couple more hours I can bear,  
I have taken off layers of clothing,  
Sweated off hours of food indulging,

The hot summer sun has beaten and battered me,  
But its funny those 4 months ago I wished for this happily,  
I often said the cold was unbearable,  
But now it's the heat that is insufferable

It seems as if nothing is perfect,  
It seems like Mother Nature just can't get it correct,  
It could always be plus or minus a couple of degrees,  
Maybe add or take a light breeze,

But the weather is palpably not redundant,  
And it would be monotonous if it were constant.

Note: The reason that I wrote this poem was because the day before I made a memorable realization that the weather is never perfect, and how that might not be so bad. I was actually in a baseball practice, and no matter how positively I thought about the weather, I could always think of something that could be changed or make better.