



## Elizabeth Macarthur High School, NSW, 2015 The Disappearing with Zohab Zee Khan

Over three poetry workshops in June, celebrated performance poet Zohab Zee Khan led students from Elizabeth Macarthur High School in discovering new ways to connect with place and memory through poetry. The workshops engaged Year 7 students in unique writing exercises inspired by themes of The Disappearing learning resource

Red Room Poetry Education inspires students and teachers to create, perform and publish poetry. We enliven experiences with poetry by bringing contemporary poets into classrooms across Australia to run intensive writing workshops that awaken imaginations, support creative opportunities and curriculum outcomes..

**The World now is wrecked  
by Aiden**

Every should lose their disrespect  
lose it and we will all respect

All the president are cocky  
if we have one leader we will be a  
democracy

So in the future  
we will all be mature  
This is our future.

**Message to the future  
Alexis C.**

As time goes on memories flow on,  
It is like lightning,  
Soon the future will become the past,  
and as said, it goes so fast,  
The future is untold,  
The future is smarter than science,  
So stop the epic time machine,  
as soon it will be, behold,  
The future we are coming,  
with memories still humming,  
our past memories,  
our future memories,  
The future are memories,  
as the future is the past,  
As time goes on memories flow on,  
it is like lightning,  
Soon the future will become the past,  
and as said it goes so fast.

**Message to the future  
by Nick N B.**

When all is lost  
and people grow soft  
when hover cars awake  
gas will deflate  
and money will lie  
where dead pupils cry  
holdens and fords,  
will be given to the poor.  
Where the moon will be  
the greatest destiny  
take care off the  
world, that lies  
at our feet.  
Or our life  
will suffer defeat.

**Message to the future  
Julian C.**

I hope one day,  
we will all unite.  
No wars, no arguments and no fights.  
I hope everyone will be in peace,  
I hope you take care of the world,  
and never release  
no more bullying and saying "nah I was just  
fooling him"  
our world should have KFCs  
around every corner, and that's no joke  
haha I'm kidding,  
don't be a slow poke.

**Message to the future  
by Alex W.**

I can solve a Rubik's Cube  
I hope in the future that  
everyone can too  
even though it won't be as cool  
I'd also like everyone to still Earth  
But only if it is at peace  
I hope that in the future  
everything is solar powered or  
wind powered  
This would help stop pollution  
and Earth to be even more safe.  
I hope there will be no more  
Type 1 Diabetes so we can save  
more of our species.  
Please save our new generations  
to grow to our nations.

**The Ink  
by Caylum**

The ink  
The ink is disappearing  
The ink is disappearing from the pen  
The ink is disappearing from the pen  
as it touches the page  
The ink is disappearing from the pen as  
it touches the page and is moving  
The ink is disappearing from the pen as  
it touches the page and is moving  
as I write.  
The ink.

**The Disappearing Act...**  
**Emily Oats**

Silent scream fill my mind,  
Those of the victims of my crimes.

**Message to the future**  
**by Alexander G J**

To the future help my kids be mature,  
help them get some ladies doesn't  
matter if it's yes, no or maybe's,  
maybe just a friend, someone  
they can depend...On!

Please help them process because  
there might be something to  
confess, it could be an affair  
it'll be a crazy nightmare,  
they'll think about it deeply  
even when they're sleepy!

It's not a happily ever after  
story but at least there's  
friends who feel sorry

**Screen**  
**by Alicia D**

As worlds appear on the screen  
we lost all meaning  
of the words out of  
our mouths.

Disappearing ink Darkness...  
Batool A. N.

The girl slipped from the river bank  
falling to her death.

**Message to the future**  
**by Zoe Hamilton**

The world is disintegrating  
in front of our eyes.

Forget about what they tell you its  
a bunch of lies.

We need to save this world,  
before it dies.

Without this world were merely  
a group of flies.

Why die knowing you've been following lies  
instead, help stop the worlds cries.

use this time, it's all we've  
got, to try and untangle this world  
from it's everlasting knot

Stop the poverty, forget about people  
calling you a wannabe, save  
the world's family.

Trees, cats, flies and water these  
are all one of mother natures  
daughters.

This world is shared, show some care,  
don't act like a hungry bear and  
take your own dare.

**Life and death**  
**by Larissa D F.**

The forest is dead, the animals  
are dead, we are all dead.  
We put up a fight but  
failed. Then our souls left  
us and sailed.

**by Abik**  
**[extended metaphors]**

A tusk is a knife  
sharpened by Zeus  
A soccer ball is a snake  
slithering on the grass  
The cloud was weeping above  
the sea  
The ball is slithering across the grass

**by Sam A**  
**[extended metaphors]**

The calculator, fast and  
nimble  
the tongue is a machine  
it does multiple calculations  
the whale jumped  
with joy  
the calculator was  
tired of having his buttons  
pushed

**Peace**  
by Mia D. M.

Peace, is shrivelling like  
crumbled paper.  
Wars, flights, horror start if someone  
doesn't get there way  
Can't we just get along, can't  
we just be happy  
instead of our population  
decreasing day by day.

**Self-esteem**  
by Ivy L

**Life**  
by Scott

Life will slowly disappear, not  
just for you, but for everything.

**Group Poem 7 G**

1. They need our help to live
4. The trees are hiding behind blankets
5. The tree, more gloomy, less bright.
6. It disappears from memory

**Sheep the greatest follower**  
by Elias P.

Our minds, special, unique, different,  
personalities taken and replaced  
followers following leaders leading  
go against the leaders  
like going into the desert  
no hope, no help, no friendship  
you must join the system  
if you don't humiliation, outcast.

**Untitled (FROM disappearing)**  
by Emily T

The tree played a sad tune as it was  
cut down. The forests are disappearing.  
Everyday more and more animals  
are becoming extinct.

**The Tree**  
by Katie C.

The tree played a sad tune as it  
was cut down. The forests are disappearing  
forever. Everyday.

**Peace**  
by Teaghan

Gone, disappearing behind our guns.  
Gone, flicked from the edge of our  
fingertips.  
Lost in the trenches of war.

**Disappearing**  
Hayley F.

The Great Barrier Reef is vanishing in  
the blink of an eye.

**Equality**  
Rongon

Equality soon will be  
known soon is not long enough  
not long enough for us to know what  
it is. Equality is something we need  
to work hand in hand.

**Untitled**  
Jordyn E.

The Great Barrier Reef is vanishing  
in the blink of an eye

Disappearing  
Jessica Tram

The Great Barrier Reef is vanishing in  
the blink of an eye.

**Winter Solstice**  
Jonah

Your breath comes in  
short puffs of steam  
your body covered in goose bumps  
- you are hoping to see the sunlight  
the wind like a frosty bite,  
your hair is whipping around your  
face, unfortunately to your distaste,  
you are shivering uncontrollably  
this is winter solstice.

**Untitled**  
Kassey Z.

Our childhood is disappearing  
as fast as we can think. We  
are beginning a new chapter of  
our life journey.



**Untitled**  
**Saira S.**

Money, money, going so fast  
things to buy, the list is so vast  
time to go on a shopping spree  
money, money, nothing's free  
work, work, got to earn  
awwh man I've got to learn  
money, money its all gone  
I knew that I was wrong.

Untitled  
Alexander  
A book that's never  
been read had all together  
better be dead like a  
lock with no or  
fish with no sea

**THE CAT CALLED PAT**  
**Sarah H.**  
**Year 7**

Once there was a cat called pat  
who sat on a mat  
Then he got stuck in a tree  
the cat died  
then I cried  
So ZAHRA went on a shopping spree.

**Mysteries**  
**Aaron W.**

A riddle wrapped in a mystery  
stuck in history, an answer  
stuck in space and time,  
then gone before our eyes,  
surprise, the true mystery is  
this rhyme. Why are we here and  
no there, mysteries are  
everywhere, in the air, solving  
other mysteries and not  
the mystery of ourselves, then  
one day BAM! No more world.

**Childhood**  
**Kye T.**

Our childhood is disappearing as fast  
as I can think. My childhood is slowly,  
shrinking, sadly.

**Untitled**  
**Brook H.**

Our childhood is disappearing  
as fast as we can think. We  
are beginning a new chapter of  
our life journey.

**Untitled**  
**by Aaron O.**

Walking, talking, crawling and bawling, that  
it their  
attitude even if they're the substitute.  
flinching and  
mun [ended it like this]

**The bees**  
**by William J.**

The bees are disappearing  
I don't know why  
we need them for food,  
we need them to live  
without we are doomed  
pollinating plants  
and growing the food  
The bees are disappearing  
I don't know why

**Untitled**  
**by Imritjit K.**

the cake is on the table  
waiting in longing  
just asking to be eaten  
the glee on its face as circle it  
the look on my face is ravenous

**Age**  
by Zahra A.

Age disappears  
you grow older from younger  
your age goes higher from lower  
you go ascending from descending  
and then just "POOF"  
you're older!  
Age disappears

**Time**  
by Dana C.

I am here, but I will cease to exist.  
I am here, stuff is all around me.  
But I will cease to exist.  
People are leaving, disappearing into the  
night.  
I may, too.  
Time's running out, we're closer to heaven,  
but I still have time.  
It's what you choose to do with that time  
that truly matters.  
Make the most of what you've got.  
Enjoy your time as it disappears.

**Those Words**  
by Raven-Lee N.

"Those words"  
I hate "Those words"  
I wish "Those words" just disappeared  
Out of mind  
Out of sight  
"Those words"  
I HATE YOU  
It tears me like a dagger through the flesh.  
It leaves a sour taste.  
And half a heart.  
"These words"  
I hate "These words"  
I wish "These words" just disappeared  
Out of mind  
Out of sight  
imagine a place  
Where these words just disappeared  
POOF!  
Out of mind  
Out of sight  
Over time these words start disappearing.

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Saira S.

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**Trees**  
by Jody S.

Chain saws whirling through the hollow.

**food**  
**by Peter**

I eat to fill my hunger.  
I eat to fill my mind.  
I eat to have the sight of food disappear.  
Mangoes.  
Chips.  
Chicken.  
Curry.  
I eat all types of food.  
But it disappears.  
It disappears from sight.  
Not to be seen at all.  
No evidence.  
No crumbs.  
Except the rumble of my tummy.  
To want more.  
That's why I eat.  
I eat to fill and survive.  
I eat.  
Chocolate is food I eat.  
It's creamy, soft and very delicious.  
It can be in different colours.  
As dark as the colour black, to  
As light as whip cream.  
It is the best food of all.  
That will make your mind soar.  
Chocolate.



**Zohab Zee Khan** is a nomadic spoken word artist, originally hailing from Wagga Wagga NSW. In 2014, he was named the Australian Poetry Slam Champion. He is the founding director of Zee Poetics, an organisation that aims to inspire a new generation of poets through performance based workshops. Zohab also won the NSW State Finals for the Australian Poetry Slam in 2012.

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