

# THE PETROCHEMICAL PLAGUE

Petrochemicals and plastics,  
A toxic partnership we can't dismiss,  
Derived from natural gas and other fossil fuels,  
They seem very convenient and handy to use.  
But what ensues after their job is done  
And they are discarded thoughtlessly by everyone?  
They neither decompose nor do they disappear,  
And their remnants rule the landfills for hundreds of years.  
They choke the oceans and the sea,  
Fly around in the breeze so easily,  
They litter and degrade our own land,  
Also weaken the beauty of the beach and its sand.  
Plastic bags and straws, cups and plates,  
Fishes in the sea they now replace.  
Wildlife suffocating, their habitats destroyed,  
Threatening the beings on earth that once enjoyed.  
Considered a boon but actually a bane,  
If we are not cautious our descendants will complain  
So, we need to deliberate and use our treasury of wisdom  
To reduce its usage and find a sustainable system  
So let us reduce, reuse, and recycle,  
And create innovative techniques to triumph over our rival,  
Let's be aware of the waste we generate,  
And act to make a recovering world, it's still not too late.



- ARADHYA PORWAL

