

Joy of It

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Free Verse

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Notice the waves crash upon the shore
Observe the water glisten with excitement
Feel the cold, hard wind on my skin
Sense the change in the wind
Experience the tough feel of the rocks
Bear the cold woosh of water
Feel the joy of it all

Big waves, hard rocks, soft bodies
Feel your head go in and out of the cold water
Bobbing up and down fighting
For every breath
Bearing the cold water
Go up you neck and over your head
Arms burning with tiredness
Hoping for something that floats
Wishing you had worn your life jacket because
It floats you don't
Wear a life jacket

Feel the power of the breaking waves
See the darker seemingly calmer water
A canal of churning water
Sucking people out to sea
Notice foam and debris
Moving constantly
With the waves
Notice the unusual movement
Of the swirling water
Observe the flags
Green: go, yellow: possibly, red: no go

Spot the little pieces of plastic
Planted all around the beach
Experience the guilt
The need to help the environment
Feeling that you can help
Happiness of knowing that you can help
Encouraging other people to help to
So if you go to the beach or park or anywhere
And you see trash pick it up
Encourage other people to help
Because when you help
Your keeping lake superior
Cold, clean, and clear
And you are also helping
The animals and plants stay healthy too