

Category B – Individual Poem - Grades 5 & 6

**Colin Muessig**  
**“The Elegant Earth”**

*I am the voice of the Earth*, may these words be clearly heard and audible,  
for I have a vital message to be delivered.

Such a marvelous planet should be treated like so, and its inhabitants must respect the requests of others.

My spirit has been present upon this land for all of eternity, and many sights, had I, the ability to savor.

*I am the voice of the Earth*, which may gradually fade away into nothing. May you answer my prayers, and set things just. Return nature to what it had once been.

Beautiful flowers, blooming in the gleaming sunlight, concealed by tall blades of grass, dancing in the spring breeze of a field.

Trees rooted within the soil, birds chirping in the treetops, and leaves rustling in abundance.

*I am the voice of the Earth* – diverse, nurturing, spacious, and vivid with every color imaginable.  
Steep rocky canyons like a towering mountain, and deep grassy valleys digging down into the dirt.

*I am the voice of the Earth* – providing life and resources to all, maintaining beauty and serenity upon our planet.

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