

**Grand Prize Winner**

**From a Teenager's Perspective**

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The world as I see it, a creation none the less  
By being so judgmental,  
it determines failure and success  
Opportunities allotted to shape  
and mold one's state of being  
Abundant with possibilities  
that give life a whole new meaning  
An obstacle that hinders and makes  
each day a constant struggle  
Transforming each problem and situation  
into a ball that's hard to juggle  
At times I find the world to be a friend  
that will never forsake  
An ally that appears  
to rarely be stained of a mistake  
An enemy that ridicules  
any man, woman, boy or girl  
A never ending trial of "me against the world"  
An invention whose nuts and bolts  
consist of aspects so diverse  
A place that in appearance is so deeply immersed  
The world is an everlasting miracle  
from the east coast to the west  
A blessing that brings us closer  
with every scenario or test  
The world is the sturdy elastic  
that unites us as a whole  
Plentiful in stories unheard  
and mysteries untold  
A treasure of our very own,  
a slab of gold that we all share  
Inimitable and matchless a planet  
to others we can't compare  
Whether you're black, white,  
blue, gold, checker board or swirled  
The truth of the matter is,  
there's only one family, one life,  
one world

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