

Lost Generation

(An adaptation of a poem by Jonathan Reed)

Reader 1: I am a part of a lost generation.
And I refuse to believe that I can change the world.
I realize this may be a shock but "Happiness comes from within" is a lie.
"Money will make me happy."
So in 30 years, I will tell my children that they are not the most important thing in my life.
My employer will know that I have my priorities straight
Because work is more important than family.
I tell you this, once upon a time families stayed together,
But this will not be true in my era
This is a quick fix society.
Expert tell me 30 years from now, I will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of my divorce
I do not concede that I will live in a country of my own making
In the future environmental destruction will be the norm
No longer can it be said that my peers and I care about this Earth.
It will be evident that my generation is apathetic and lethargic
It is foolish to believe that there is hope

Reader 1&2: And all of this will be true unless we choose to **reverse it!**

Reader 2: There is hope.
It is foolish to presume that my generation is apathetic and lethargic.
It will be evident that my peers and I care about this Earth.
No longer can it be said that environmental destruction will be the norm.
In the future I will live in a country of my choosing.
I do not concede that 30 years from now I will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of my divorce.
Experts tell me that this is a quick fix society, but this will not be true in my era.
Families stayed together, once upon a time.
I tell you this - family is more important than work.
I have my priorities straight because my employer will know that they are not the most important thing in my life.
So in 30 years I will tell my children that "money will make me happy" is a lie,
and "happiness comes from within."
This might be a shock, but I can change the world!
And I refuse to believe that I am a part of a lost generation.