Reversal Poem Template
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I am a _______________________________ (negative)
And I refuse to believe that _______________________________ (positive)
I realize this may be a shock, but _______________________________ (positive)
Is a lie, and _______________________________ (state a lie)
In 30 years, I will tell my children that they have my priorities straight because _______________________________ (one word - negative)
is more important than _______________________________ (one word - positive)
I tell you this:
Once upon a time _______________________________ (positive)
But this will not be true in my era _______________________________ (negative)
Experts tell me _______________________________ (negative)
I do not conclude that _______________________________ (positive)
In the future, _______________________________ (negative)
No longer can it be said that _______________________________ (positive)
It will be evident that _______________________________ (negative)
It is foolish to presume that _______________________________ (positive)
And all of this will come true unless we reverse it.

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“Lost Generation” by Jonathan Reed

I am part of the lost generation
and I refuse to believe that
I can change the world.
I realize that this may be a shock but
"Happiness comes from within"
is a lie, and
"Money will make me happy"
So in 30 years I will tell my children
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
Experts 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 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 presume that

There is hope.
And all of this will come true unless we choose to reverse it