

**2024 YOUNG ARTISTS AND AUTHORS
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“Full of Merit, Yet Poetically Man Dwells on This Earth”

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One of my favorite quotes comes from Martin Heidegger, who, in his poetic reflection, stated, “Full of merit, yet poetically man dwells on this earth.” His observation captures the delicate balance between human achievement and natural connections. As cities across the globe grapple with the escalating challenges of climate change, Heidegger’s philosophy shows us a new way to inhabit our urban spaces. To dwell poetically is to see nature not as something to be taken over, but something to be lived alongside.



Through my art using color pencil on paper, I wanted to highlight the efforts being made to restore and protect the planet, such as vegetation and irrigation systems on buildings, and public transportation using clean energies. I was inspired by Dearborn, Michigan for the Ford plant green roof, and Paris, France for its vertical gardens.

By integrating principles of sustainability, adaptability, and community engagement, cities can become resilient havens that reflect both human achievement and profound respect for the natural world. Cities are not just inhabited but are lived in and appreciated for their beauty and functionality, for generations to come. As we navigate the complexities of climate change, let us strive to dwell more poetically, harmonizing our achievements with the earth’s rhythms.



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