

Poetry became my vehicle to express my feelings on paper when I felt under pressure. Poetry allowed me to transform myself and travel to another dimension while I could walk freely everywhere when in fact I do not have a place to go.

I will be sharing some of my poems written in prison in this chapter to further express the pain and concern that I have experienced while being incarcerated for the past 3 decades.

My artistic expression was done to reach out the Spanish Community at large. Also, to tell American I am a good person regardless of my past mistakes in life. Rehabilitation does exist. I am a human being filled with hope. I would expect that one day someone will recognize that people can change in prison for the better.

I would like to open the curtain of my artistic life with the following poem, 'Green House Omega'. This poem deals directly with the green house effect and the earth's atmosphere, and the results of serious environmental problems that we have today.

It appears to me that the more intelligent and sophisticated we become in our technology, we are producing more hazardous waste that is leaking into the rivers and oceans.

Another environmental problem is the emission of carbon dioxide that continues to enter the atmosphere in higher intensity as the world population continues to grow.

This environmental poem further deals with the futuristic ideals of creating a contingency plan to counteract deforestation, urbanization, and the taking of agricultural land for development. The world would become chaotic by the year 2025 or 2030 when the natural balance of the forest's oxygenation and the world's oxygen supply becomes unstable.

I strongly believe that human beings on this earth will have a military confrontation regarding control of natural resources in the future. Asia is over-populated, Africa has been overrun by Europeans for many years and faces famines, droughts, and diseases constantly. Europe does not produce year-round agriculture products and too is over-populated. Central America, South America, and Australia are areas that still contain many untapped resources. I can foresee an environmental war between North America and Europe for control of areas still able to supply natural resources.