

If I had the will and power

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*If I had the will and power,
to create a healthier Alexandria,
If I had the magic touch
to construct an improved city,
For sixty-five year-old Shanika sitting right there...
I would.*

*Don't you think it is only fair,
To show some care?
If Alexandria refuses to magically fix itself,
then let's refuse to wait for global warming to magically be gone.
Let's put an end to the waiting...for a vicious warning to corrupt.
Let's fix Alexandria.*

*Look to your left, at three year old Pedro, picking up his gum wrapper.
If little Pedro is fighting pollution, and not littering,
Then how come you are not?*

*To completely fix our good friend Alexandria,
Would be a process;
A process that we can all engage in, and consider.*

*Alexandria is our home, our shelter.
And the parks, schools, houses, are all our ecology.
Leaving the work to just little Pedro, or the aged ones like Shanika
Is not going to save our good friend Alexandria.*

Look over to you right now.

Examine sixteen year old Lauren.

Lauren is researching things.

She wants to know what she can do to help save Alexandria's ecology.

Our good friend Alexandria is not asking for much.

She just wants you to help her,

Help all of us.

Our good friend Alexandria

Doesn't want your money,

Or even your bag of chips.

If all these people;

Sixty-five year old Shanika,

Three year old Pedro,

Sixteen year old Lauren,

And twenty-five year old Kojo,

From various ethnical backgrounds,

And various age groups can do it,

Then it's time to join them.

Take a step anywhere.

To the left,

Or even to the right.

Log on to Google, and type in,

"What can I do to help the community of my good friend Alexandria."