

# Save The Frogs!




## The Little Book of **FROG POETRY** VOLUME 1



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Thank you to all the frog lovers who submitted poetry to the SAVE THE FROGS! Poetry Contest and thanks to Sienne Hayes, Elspeth Murray, Caitlin Lambert and Haitham Al-Twajri for assistance judging the entries.

—SAVE THE FROGS! Founder Dr. Kerry Kriger  
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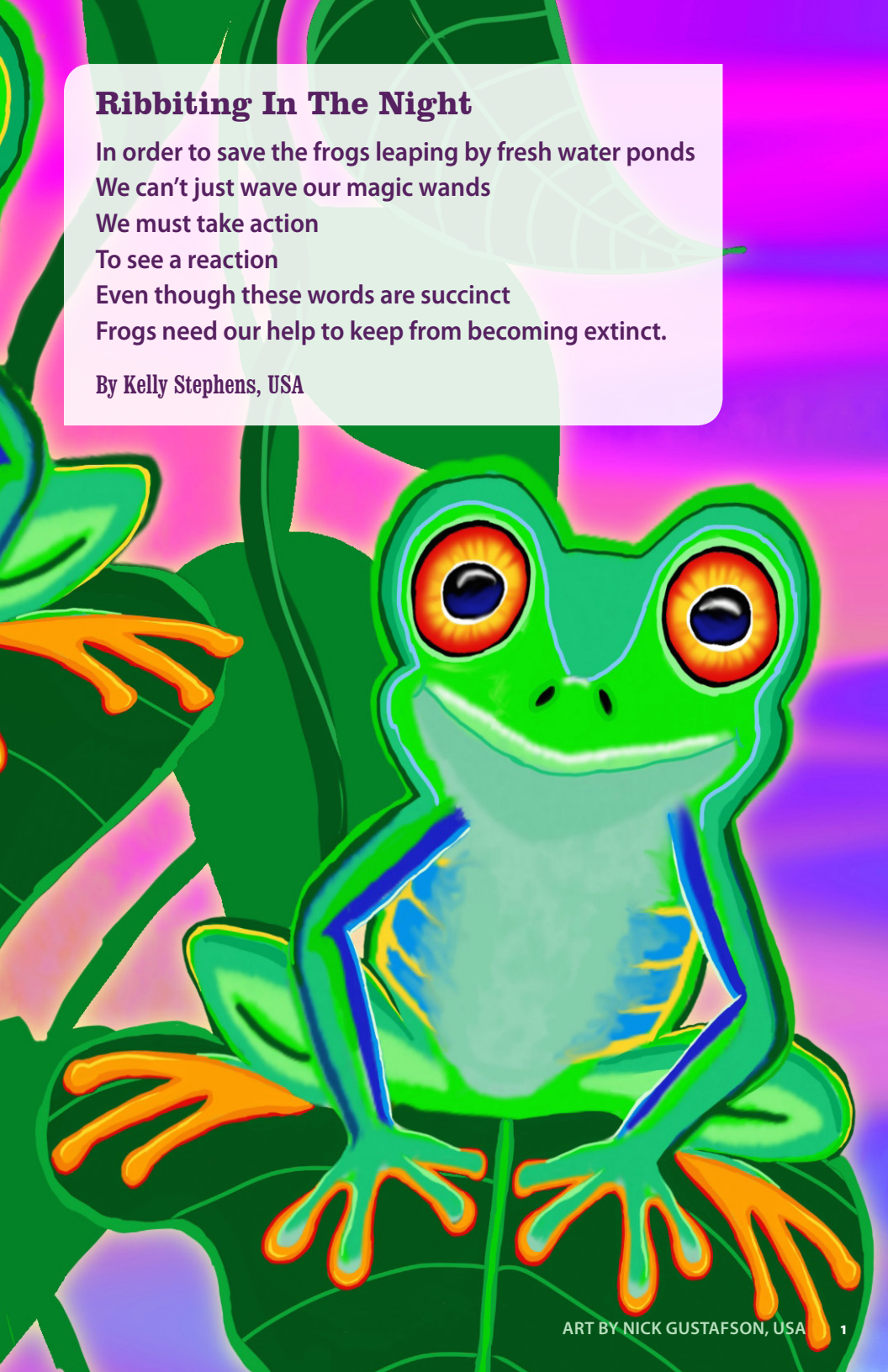
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## **Ribbiting In The Night**

In order to save the frogs leaping by fresh water ponds  
We can't just wave our magic wands  
We must take action  
To see a reaction  
Even though these words are succinct  
Frogs need our help to keep from becoming extinct.

By Kelly Stephens, USA





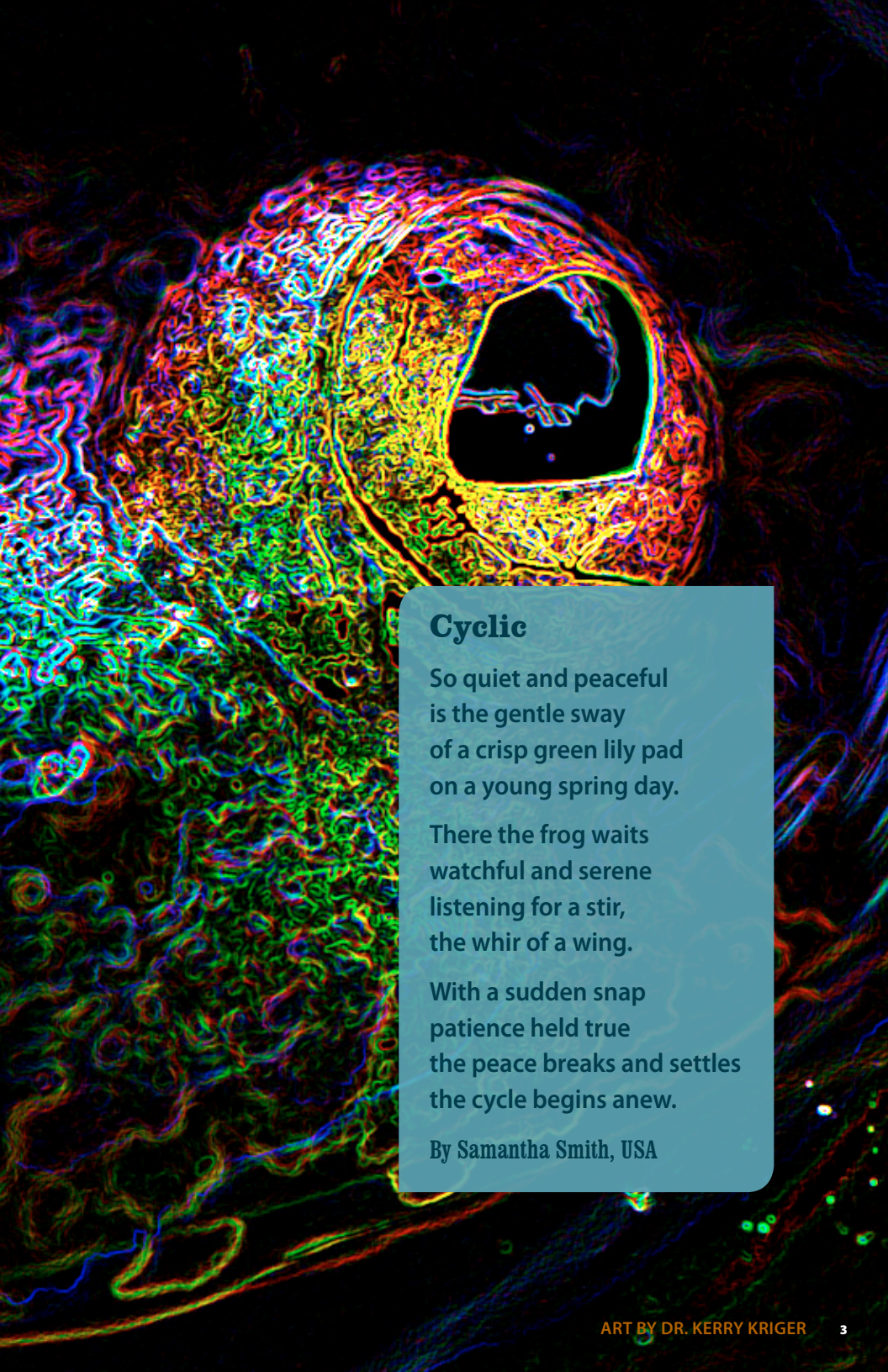
## Save The Frogs Today

SAVE THE FROGS! is an organization  
To save the frogs around the nation  
Every frog deserves a chance  
to live, hop, to breathe, to prance

Frogs all over may soon disappear  
If they're gone we will say "Oh dear!"  
So I tell people everyday  
Please save the frogs today!

By Kylie Colombani, USA





## Cyclic

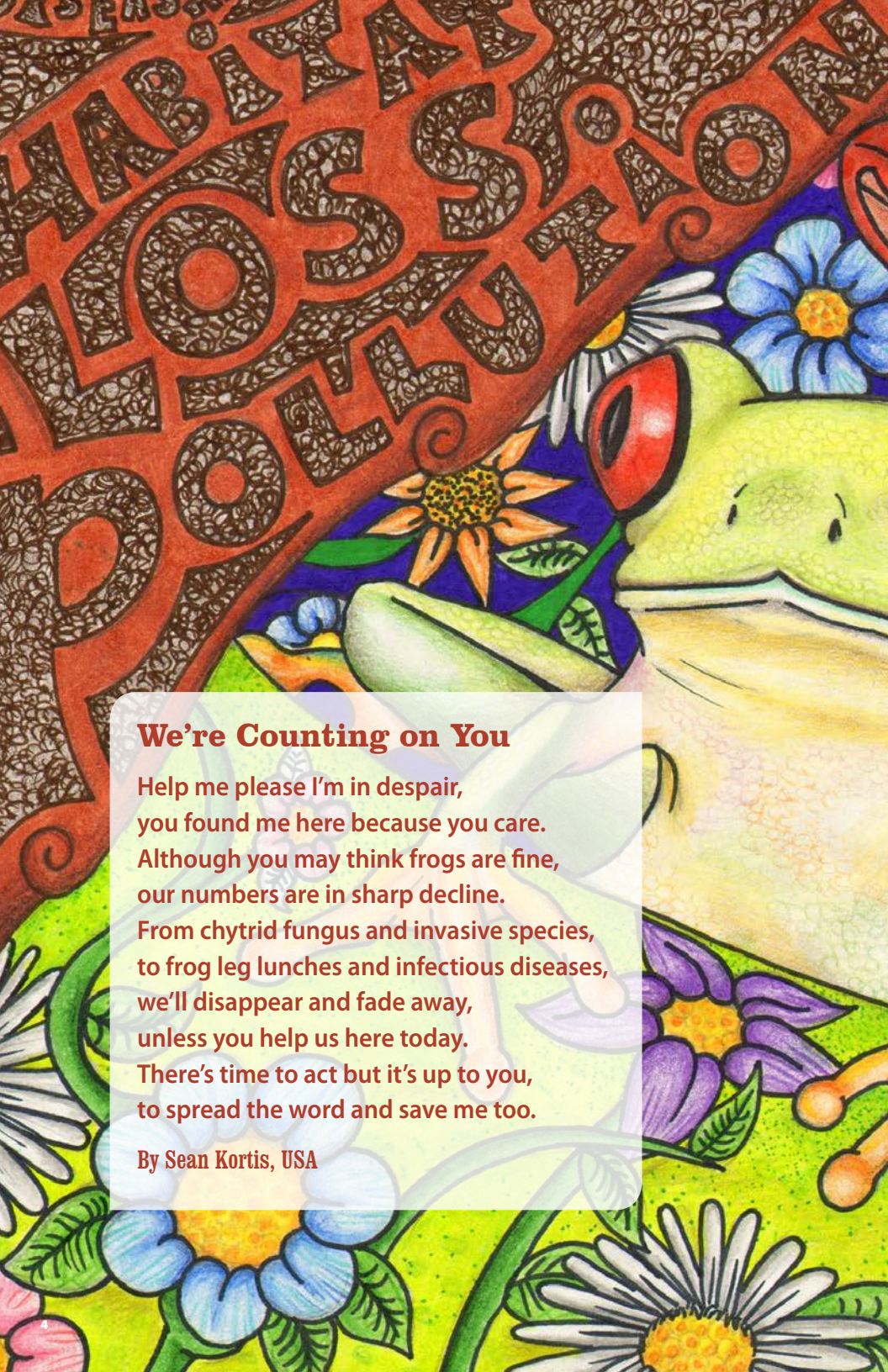
So quiet and peaceful  
is the gentle sway  
of a crisp green lily pad  
on a young spring day.

There the frog waits  
watchful and serene  
listening for a stir,  
the whir of a wing.

With a sudden snap  
patience held true  
the peace breaks and settles  
the cycle begins anew.

By Samantha Smith, USA



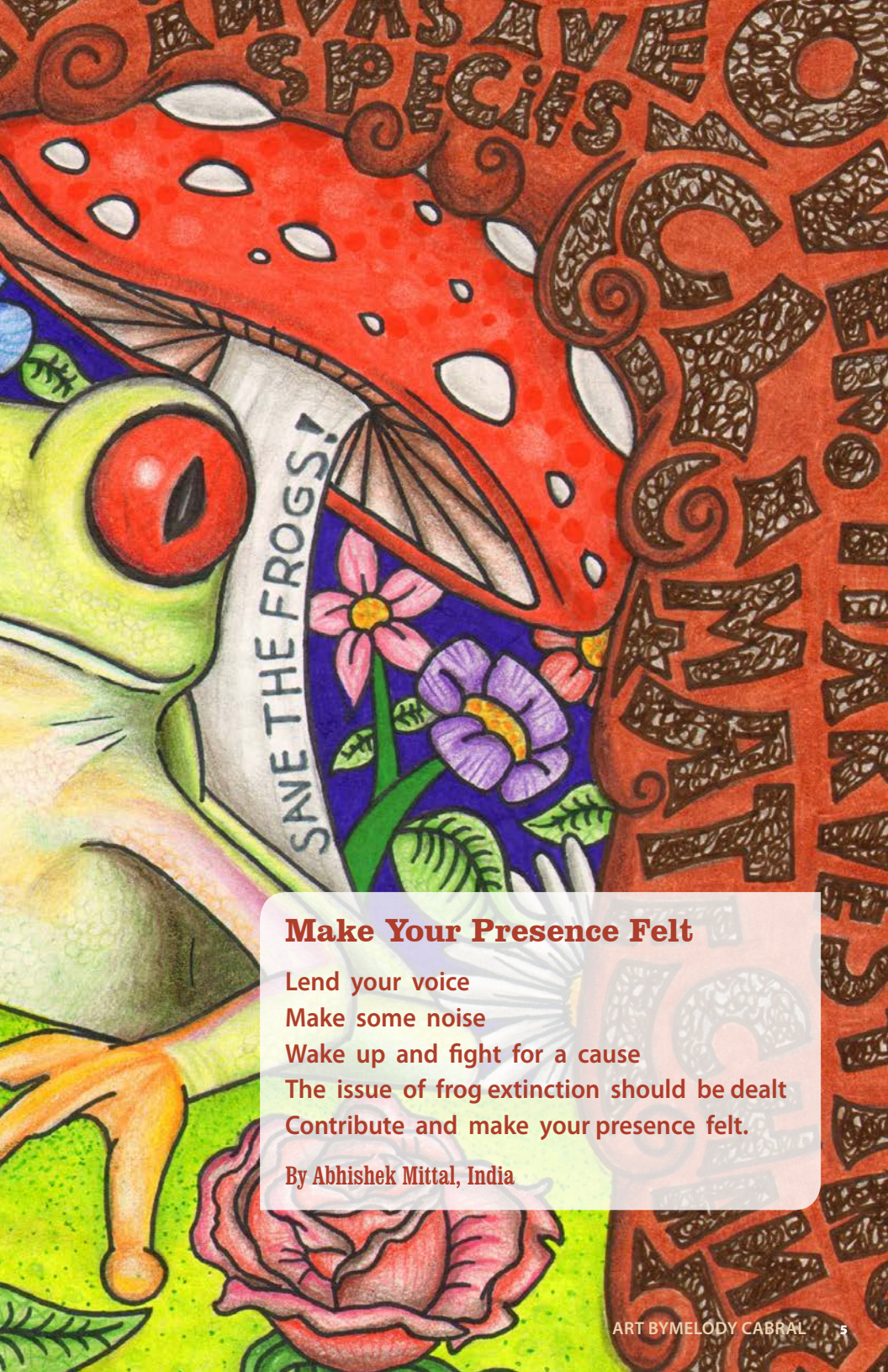


## **We're Counting on You**

Help me please I'm in despair,  
you found me here because you care.  
Although you may think frogs are fine,  
our numbers are in sharp decline.  
From chytrid fungus and invasive species,  
to frog leg lunches and infectious diseases,  
we'll disappear and fade away,  
unless you help us here today.  
There's time to act but it's up to you,  
to spread the word and save me too.

By Sean Kortis, USA





## **Make Your Presence Felt**

Lend your voice

Make some noise

Wake up and fight for a cause

The issue of frog extinction should be dealt

Contribute and make your presence felt.

By Abhishek Mittal, India





**Pesticide**

## **Goodbye**

There once was something called a pond  
Where amphibians lived that shared a bond  
With humans in a secret way  
Before the Machine took their homes away  
Always thirsting for something greater  
Never thinking of what happens later  
Now the ponds are parched and dry  
And skyscrapers have filled the sky  
Forests and meadows no longer green  
Not a single tree to break the scene  
All at the hands of that human Machine

By Caitlin Lambert, USA  
Grand Prize Winner of the  
2012 SAVE THE FROGS! Poetry Contest





## Poor Amphibians

The frogs must be saved,  
From the poisonous haze;  
That's caused by the car craze,  
And tractors that raze,  
Through the forest where frogs played.

By Jehvon Walker, USA



# SAVE IT



## Hear Them Singing Sweetly

Chirrup, chirrup, instead of croak, instead of creak,  
They are slick, green frogs that sing so sweet.  
Hiding in the grass, a frog with bright, moony eyes,  
Calls out a love song to the soft dusky skies.  
But when your children's children can't fall asleep,  
What will they hear in the night so deep?  
An emptiness, both cold and bleak,  
Where once a sonata pure and sweet,  
Chirruped and warbled, hopped and leaped,  
From the throat of a frog, innocent and meek.

By Crystal Song, USA





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## **Frogs Need Help Now**

Frogs are disappearing quick  
You can help with just one click  
Go to [savethefrogs.com](http://savethefrogs.com)  
Get your frog saving on!

By Graciela Chico, Phillipines



## Small Amphibious Soul

A small ancient amphibious soul.  
Webbed feet, slimy mucous skin,  
eyes, sometimes red, green,  
or even gold!

A creature now endangered  
or so I've been told.

Without him,  
a world sterile, archaic,  
and utterly cold.

The Frog:

A small ancient amphibious soul.

By Joseph R. Calamia, USA





## **No More Frogs**

Deforestation  
Hurts our nation.  
No more frogs.

Infectious diseases  
Cause frogs pain.  
This is insane!

Without frogs,  
There will be lots of trouble.  
So we need to save them  
On the double.

By Madelyn Schneider, USA





## The Silent Pond

At the end of a road lies a trail to the woods,  
a trail to a mystical place.  
Where the leaves of the trees whisper soft in your ears,  
and the sun shines to warm up your face.  
but the trail opens up to a clearing ahead,  
where a pond sits in silence and waits.  
Its companions are gone, they were taken away,  
packed up and boarded in crates.  
The frog and his friends are starting to fade,  
as their croaks and their cries disappear.  
But the men they have lost their connection to Earth,  
and they don't even shed her a tear.  
And the silence at night by the pond where I live,  
reminds me of all we have lost.  
The sounds of the frogs that I heard as a child,  
they no longer greet the last frost.  
So I sit and I cry like the frogs that I love,  
and I follow the trail to the bogs.  
And there I will wait in the silence of night,  
for the calls and the croaks of the frogs.

By Sean Kortis, USA





## Beautiful and Free

Think about the purpose of their subsistence  
Think about their relevance and make a difference  
These poor little frogs are needed here  
Let's help them survive so they will still adhere  
One day we'll say to our descendants,  
"These are the creatures you almost never see,  
But we saved them and here they are, beautiful and free."

Ryssa Mae Alarcon, Canada





## Where Is My Home?

I want to be  
A frog in a tree.  
Not a lonely frog in a tree  
But a frog with a family.

My home is disappearing  
In its place people's homes are appearing.  
We sleep sound at night  
By day monsters we have to fight.

Big yellow monsters that cut and roar  
Till our home is no more!  
We are friendly, we don't bite  
Join save the frogs and help us fight!

By Juan-Pierre Hrysanen, Canada



## Season Of Love

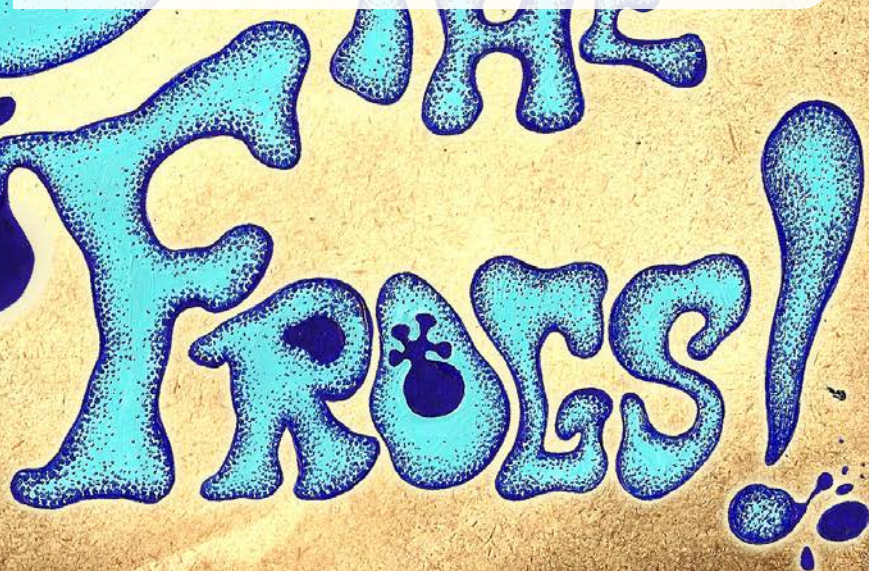
Croak! Croak! Arrives the rain  
End of all miseries and pain.  
Season of love is here at last  
The frogs quench their months of thirst.

But alas, the frogs did not know  
Men were following close and low.  
To feed the selfish human brain  
The lives of frogs go in vain.

Frogs are gone  
Insects are on  
Such a heart touching pain  
No frogs now to welcome the rain!

Still there is time for us to revive  
Help the frogs and toads survive.  
Let frogs live and flourish  
Maintain the balance in nature, in return it shall nourish.

By Bijoy Kumar Barman, India



# FROGS!







Founded in 2008, SAVE THE FROGS! ([www.savethefrogs.com](http://www.savethefrogs.com)) is the world's leading amphibian conservation organization. Our mission is to protect amphibian populations and to promote a society that respects and appreciates nature and wildlife. We work across the USA and around the world to prevent the extinction of amphibians, and to create a better planet for humans and wildlife. Since 2008, SAVE THE FROGS! scientists and volunteers have held over 1,400 educational events in 59 countries to educate people about the plight of frogs and teach them ways to protect amphibians.

Please help spread amphibian awareness by telling your friends, colleagues, local teachers, and libraries about this book. Set it on your coffee table or in your office's reception area. Teachers and students: don't underestimate your capacity to change the world. Get your classes writing and reciting frog poetry each Save The Frogs Day, which is celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April.

SAVE THE FROGS! is an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) public charity and all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Your financial support enables us to spread amphibian awareness, campaign for threatened amphibians and train the next generation of amphibian conservationists. The frogs and our worldwide network of volunteers appreciate your support!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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## **Almost Gone**

Frogs,  
The pinwheel of our earth,  
The binding of our book,  
The balance of our world,  
Almost gone.

The wheel will slowly stop turning,  
The binding slowly unravel,  
The balance disturbed.

Frogs,  
The glue holding our ecosystem together,  
Slowly beginning to fade,  
Like the perfect morning,  
Fading to a thick canopy of darkness.  
Our world as we know it will change.

The frogs are the answer,  
The key to turn the lock,  
The cure to many diseases,  
But they are almost gone,  
What will you do?

Brittany Belanger, USA

Grand Prize Winner 2009 SAVE THE FROGS! Poetry Contest

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