

# ONE STEP AT A TIME

By Madeline Male



We can change our world, just one step at a time,  
going up every rung on the ladder we climb  
Even actions so small that we kindly convey,  
help to impact the world in a meaningful way

We can play with dogs who don't yet have owners,  
at the animal shelter we kids can be donors,  
by spending time enriching a doggie's day,  
after playtime, teaching them to 'Sit!' and to 'Stay!'

We can use our skills for the better,  
by creating a veteran's letter,  
thanking them for bravely protecting our nation  
and securing a future for our generation



Together, teaming up to host a bake sale,  
we can make a difference, no matter the scale!  
The neighbors will enjoy our sweet tasty goods,  
while the money is used to conserve local woods

We can gather donations for our local food drive,  
healthy meals will help everyone thrive!  
And in winter, those both far and near,  
will be warmer with our hand-knitted scarves and cozy gear



When together we join our hands for a goal, it is less out of reach,  
so let's organize cleaning up the park and the beach  
We'll dispose of pollution, like plasticky wrappers,  
and brainstorm solutions for these wildlife trappers

Together, let's change our world,  
each small change brings another unfurled,  
We kids of the world can make passionate choices  
to further good causes with our actions and voices!

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### A NOTE FROM MADDIE

*With colored pencils and markers, I drew a picture of hands holding a heart-shaped world. This symbol is meant to be a reminder to kids that they can change the world and shape it into a kinder, more loving place.*