Express yourself through art!

You can write poems or songs, or make drawings, to show what you think or feel about disasters. Then you can share the messages in them with your friends in your community, to help make them more aware.

In Ecuador in 1993, children recorded a song about preparing for earthquakes and it was played on the radio.

Guarantee the future!
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The natural disasters
Which so damage and grieve,
Such "natural" disasters
Are not natural, I believe,
Man in his greed
For so-called development,
Does not care to heed
The wellbeing of his environment,

The air of our pure firmament,
His factories contaminate,
But on destruction he is bent
So do not try to remonstrate!

While seeking to improve our lot,
Our future will be worse,
If Earth’s riches matters not a jot

And our presence is a curse.
No longer Earth’s the

Adapted from the book: Cuando las escuelas se preparan, produced by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Cuba and Save the Children.

When the earth shakes

The earth is always quaking.
A-trembling and a-shaking.
It never seems to cease!
Sometimes it’s just light
But sometimes it’s a fright
And you wish for a bit of peace!

Adapted from the refrain of the Ecuadorian song ‘When the earth shakes’