

## Deterioration

I am slowly melting away  
As I merge with the ocean

The climate gets warmer every second  
Because of some machines  
That give off noxious gas

The animals in the Arctic  
Need me to thrive  
But every year there is less of me

Every year I grow bigger and bigger  
The more I grow, the more lives I destroy  
I tangle up the aquatic animals  
Deforming the shells of turtles and  
Tricking the fish into thinking that  
I am food

My wetland home is being destroyed  
And so are the homes of many others  
Near me

Reptiles, amphibians, insects,  
And even birds  
Are losing their homes  
Just for people to come in and rebuild

Not just these animals but  
Many others are losing  
Homes  
Due to some darn machines

Even the trees, bushes, shrubs, and flowers  
Bend sideways  
Losing their color and  
Vitality as the air around them  
Suffocates

Smoke rises to the skies  
Darkness engulfs the clouds turning  
Them dark and murky

Every time I do my lap  
Around the sun  
I seem to get sicker and sicker  
And I always get warmer  
And I have no clue  
Why?