

If a Trash Can Could Talk

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The trash we throw
away
Would talk if it could talk
today
It would say
Slash the trash
Pick up bottles clean up
streets
But the people in Illinois
don't really know what it
means

We could do many
things
Like starting a clean up
Stop using plastic
And even make rings

We could do much
more out of recyclable
things
Like buildings, houses,
If we just open up our
eyes and blink

If we asked more
questions
What a difference it
would make
For humans
For animals
And even a lake

Where did this come
from?
How was it made?
Ask these amazing
queries and you won't
need to evade

Avoiding is the issue
As for we don't care
For the difference we
make is worthless as a
hair

But this isn't true
All the things we could
do
Grow a garden
Reduce plastic
To name just a few
If we think about what
we're buying
Our earth may stop
crying
As landfills take over the
planet

By the mid-2030s if we
keep this all up,
All that will be left on
planet Earth will be junk

Save leftovers
Donate toys
Reuse fabric
Do it all
Before our big earth
becomes way too small

Bring it up in your town
Use posters
Speak out
You need to tell them
what it's all about
You need to get
everyone up of their
couch

Start a toy drive
Give a speech
Whatever you do
As long as it's helping
the environment too

Always check the labels
On food or on drink
See if you can reuse
something
Just by looking at
printed ink

Go from houses to
house looking at bins
To make sure that
landfills don't take it all
in

Stop contaminating
things that are fine to be
cleaned
Make sure you don't put
your pizza into the green
We could do many
things just to reduce
the plastic we use does
not need to go to waste
so make no haste
to build something
create
or even sell

Someone will want it
that you can tell

So stop wasting trash
and throwing it away
Yes, this is exactly what
a trash can would say.

