

**World's End
(a pantoum)
Mike Delaney, 1/18/19**

World's End; the end of the natural world
Four drumlins by the River Weir
The bountiful flag of nature furled
People stroll with birds and deer

Four drumlins by the River Weir
Fragrant flowers scent the breeze
People stroll with birds and deer
Nectar hunting by the bees

Fragrant flowers scent the breeze
Battle lines drawn at the brittle shore
Nectar hunting by the bees
Unprepared for what's in store

Battle lines drawn at the brittle shore
Fragile balance of time and tide
Unprepared for what's in store
Barren trees, nowhere to hide

Fragile balance of time and tide
Each year wilder than the last
Barren trees, nowhere to hide
Sweltering heat to arctic blasts

Each year wilder than the last
No one left as the battle ends
Sweltering heat to arctic blasts
Waves wash over; shore life suspends

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World's End. It starts out being about World's End in Hingham, but ends up being about the end of the world as we know it due to climate change. Four Drumlins.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World%27s_End_\(Hingham\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World%27s_End_(Hingham))

https://www.onestory.com/index.php?page=stories&story_id=166

<http://www.clarebeams.com/contact/>

To make it a pantoum, I need to first write the two lines from the beginning and at the end that bookend the piece.

In the beginning make it clear that World's End is a specific nature preserve in Hingham. At the end it's the literal end of the world as we know it.

It could have become a housing development or a nuclear power plant. Who knew?

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