

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

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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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