

## The Life Cycle (2024)

The planet's life-cycle and the water-cycle are interconnected. My drawing illustrates that since the beginning, time and water have flowed simultaneously. Hands represent mother nature spilling the water that is necessary for Earth's story to begin. The story is the never-ending tale of the relationship between water and all living things. Mother nature provides the planet with plentiful supply of freshwater through rivers, lakes, streams, and ponds. We are given what we need and it's our responsibility to respect and look after it so there is enough water for everyone, including future generations. The next stage, industrial development, is depicted by the waterwheel - perhaps the earliest source of mechanical energy. Its invention was life-changing. In an age of trying to discover zero-emission technology that provides renewable energy, the eco-friendly waterwheel has even greater significance where fish can pass through unharmed. Sustainability must be our water legacy. The final section is today's story. Water is spilling onto Earth for us to use but drought is also represented by the dry, cracked ground. The little sapling which grows from the stray splash of water denotes hope, that if we reverse effects of climate change, Earth's diverse biomes can survive and flourish.

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