

## Activity 5 : Negative -to-Positive

### **Instructions :**

Based on the poem “Sad I Ams” by Trevor Millum, write a parallel poem with positive perspectives.

I am  
the ring  
from an empty Cola can  
the scrapings  
from an unwashed porridge pan  
the severed arm  
of last year’s Action man



I am  
the envelope  
on which the gum is gone  
the Sellotape  
where you can’t find the end  
the toothless stapler, springless bulldog clip  
the dried-up liquid paper  
that mars instead of mends  
the stamped addressed reply  
that you forgot  
to send



I am  
the battery in which no charges is left  
the starter motor which remains inert  
the tyre on which the tread is worn  
the sparking plug which shows no sign of  
spark  
the carburettor choked by bits of dirt  
the chromium trim from which the shine  
has gone



I am  
a garden  
overgrown with weeds  
a library book  
that no one reads  
a stray  
which no one thinks to feed  
the piece of good advice which no one  
seems to need

