

Choka

Japanese Tsunami Debris

5 A year to West Coast
7 detritus on our seashores.
5 Some we can return.
7 Your trauma arrives on waves
5 creates pollution,
7 invasive species concerns,
5 financial burdens.
7 We are one world sharing sea.
7 We are one, share tragedy.

Choka:

1. Japanese form.
2. Syllable Count: Alternate five and seven syllables.
3. Can be any odd number of lines. Nine lines: 5-7-5-7-5-7-5-7-7
4. Unrhymed.