

Ada Ríos \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) up in a slum near the Cateura landfill in Paraguay. Every morning, garbage trucks \_\_\_\_\_ (roll) into the landfill and \_\_\_\_\_ (unload) tons of trash. People in the slum then \_\_\_\_\_ (look) through the trash for things they can \_\_\_\_\_ (recycle) or \_\_\_\_\_ (sell). This was how they \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a living, and Ada \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) her future would \_\_\_\_\_ (be) no different.

One day, Ada's grandma \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a poster that said "Free music lessons from Mr. Chávez." Ada's grandma \_\_\_\_\_ (know) Ada \_\_\_\_\_ (love) music, so she \_\_\_\_\_ (apply) for Ada. Ada really \_\_\_\_\_ (look) forward \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) how \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the violin and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) carried away by the power of music.

Ada and some other children \_\_\_\_\_ (take) Mr. Chávez's lessons, but there were not enough instruments. \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) new ones was impossible, since a violin \_\_\_\_\_ (cost) more than a local house! Fortunately, a garbage picker who was good at \_\_\_\_\_ (use) tools \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) about their trouble and \_\_\_\_\_ (try) \_\_\_\_\_ (use) what was at hand. By \_\_\_\_\_ (put) together metal cans, forks, and other items from the landfill, the garbage picker somehow \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) various instruments. They weren't very traditional and barely \_\_\_\_\_ (cost) anything, but to these children, they were invaluable.

At first, each child \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in his or her own way, and only screeches \_\_\_\_\_ (come) out of the instruments. Some kids \_\_\_\_\_ (quit) the music lessons after a few weeks, but with Mr. Chávez's encouragement, Ada and the others \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) \_\_\_\_\_ (practice), sometimes for several hours a day. Slowly, their musical skills \_\_\_\_\_ (improve). They \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) \_\_\_\_\_ (hit) all the right notes and \_\_\_\_\_ (play) together harmoniously. Finally, they \_\_\_\_\_ (form) the "Recycled Orchestra." After the orchestra \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) several local concerts, they \_\_\_\_\_ (attract) wider attention and even \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) invitations \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) abroad. Ada and the other members \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) different countries. The world \_\_\_\_\_ (dazzle) them just as they \_\_\_\_\_ (dazzle) the world.

Four years later, a world-famous rock band \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the children's potential and \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) the orchestra \_\_\_\_\_ (tour) with them. At their first concert with the band, Ada and her friends nervously \_\_\_\_\_ (step) on stage in front of nearly 35,000 people. They \_\_\_\_\_ (see) glaring lights and \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) screams of excitement. These children \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) dizzy and didn't know what \_\_\_\_\_ (do). However, as soon as the orchestra \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) \_\_\_\_\_ (play), everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (cheer). When Ada and her friends \_\_\_\_\_ (bow) to the crowd at the end, they \_\_\_\_\_ (know) that the performance was a triumph.

Touring overseas \_\_\_\_\_ (change) their lives in other ways, too. With the money they \_\_\_\_\_ (earn), Ada and her friends \_\_\_\_\_ (have) larger, safer houses \_\_\_\_\_ (build) for their families. More importantly, they \_\_\_\_\_ (show) the locals that children' s dreams didn' t have to \_\_\_\_\_ (end up) in the trash. Through determination and hard work, these children were able to \_\_\_\_\_ (create) beauty out of garbage and \_\_\_\_\_ (have) faith in their abilities \_\_\_\_\_ (pursue) greater things.