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# Prose



## **The Tooth, The Toothbrush, and The Toothpaste**

*- Elizabeth Barker and Rachel Niebler*

Once upon a time, there was a tooth. This tooth was no ordinary tooth. The tooth (aka Kate), could talk. Every single day she would talk to her friends, The Toothbrush and The Toothpaste about trying to get out of this person's mouth. Now, this person took a very long time to brush her teeth, plus she took a very long time to do her fluoride so Kate and her friends had very long discussions. The toothbrush was the only one who could walk so they thought of a plan and here it is. The Toothbrush would walk to the person's mom's valuable string collection and take the most valuable one because it is the strongest and then they would attach it to Kate and pull. They tried this, but The Toothbrush and The Toothpaste even together weren't strong enough. That plan didn't work. Before they could think of another plan The Person walked out of the door to the Minute Clinic. After the strep test, it turned out that The Person had strep so Kate and The Toothpaste would be separated from The Toothbrush. That is because when you have strep you have to throw away your toothbrush and use a new one. When Kate and her friends heard this, they were horrified. "Oh my gosh!" they cried together, "What will we do?" Before they could make a peep someone grabbed The Toothbrush and threw him away. They were desperate to save their friend, The Toothbrush, from the ickiest trashcan in the universe. Suddenly, a big hand reached in and wiggled Kate. Meanwhile, inside the trashcan The Toothbrush had just realized that all he had to do was walk out of the trashcan. "Oh, it's really that simple?" he asked aloud. Then he started climbing out of the trashcan. Back in The Person's mouth, Kate was hanging by a thread and was about to fall out of The Person's mouth. Suddenly, The Toothbrush came walking into the bathroom. Before anything could happen, Kate fell out. "Hooray!" cried the three friends. "At last I'm free," cried Kate joyfully!

## My Chinese New Year

- Zoe Haber

One day I was going to Chinese New Year. When I woke up, I was getting excited. It was 7:33 so...only 3 more hours till the celebration. I got up, put my outfit on. I woke my mom up. She said, "Woohoo!" I was in my red shirt and pants with a yellow dragon. It is 8:00. We go across the street to Katie's house. We knock. They come down. We ask if they would drive us to Chinatown. They said yes. They have a big car because they have 5 people, but they have a 6-person car and only 3 people were coming, so we could get in. I was in the back of the car. We got there at 8:30. We split up. I went to get food with my friend Katie and her mom (Tina). We go to a pastry shop. We buy a coconut cookie, 15 chicken dumplings, and an orange. We went to my mom and she was watching fireworks. Then we went to the parade. I counted 7 dragons—3 that were yellow, 2 red, and 2 mixed yellow and red.



## **My Family**

*- Ela Shroff*

My family is awesome! My mom makes super yummy foods. My dad is really fun. On the weekend, we play a lot of fun things. My sister, Meera, is like someone I could have a playdate with for my whole life. I will love all my family all of the time I'm alive. I'll just never forget them.



## **My Family**

*-Althea Dulany*

My family is very special to me. My family is very supportive. When I'm feeling blue, my family cheers me up. My family loves me. My family is really nice to me. My family thinks I'm special. My family takes care of me. Everyone in my family makes me feel so nice. My family thinks I'm great.

## **February**

*-Rachel Wilson*

February is the month of spreading love. We celebrate Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is the day to spread love. I love Valentine's Day because you spread love.

## The Dog

- *Bonnie Caden*

When the dog goes for a walk, it is a fun time for a dog. When the dog eats breakfast, it is a happy time for the dog. When the dog goes to the bathroom, it is a silly time for the dog. When the dog goes inside, it is a funny time for the dog. When the dog goes to sleep, it is a cute time for people. When people go to sleep, it is a cute time for the dog!

## Reggie

- *Miriam Danzis*

I like to play with my dog. Reggie barks a lot. Reggie likes to play with other dogs. Reggie is my dog. Reggie doesn't like the mailman. I like to take Reggie for walks with my sister Isabel. Reggie likes his crate. Reggie likes to sleep. Good night.





## **Bella's Horseshow**

*- Bella Godes*

I raced downstairs, my cheeks flushed a pinkish color. I glanced down at my watch. It's seven. I better get moving. We have to be there by 8:00. I slid into the kitchen. The table was piled high with pancakes and my mom was at the stove making more. "Got your stuff, Bells?" my dad said from behind the newspaper. I nodded and grinned. This day was going to be a blast. I stuffed my mouth with warm chocolate chip pancakes. "Hop in the car girls," my mom announced. My sister hopped in ahead of me dressed in jeans and my old riding boots. She was coming to my horse show to be the groom. I was dressed in clean, tan riding pants with a tucked-in white shirt but of course I couldn't get my show clothes dirty yet so I threw a sweatshirt on over it.

"We're here," I announced as we pulled up to the old white barn that was now decorated for show day. "Bella, there is no use trying to get

out of the car when you still have your seat belt on AND the car door is locked," my dad said to me as he glanced back into the rearview mirror.

A whinny greeted me as I ran up to William's stall. I grabbed my grooming bucket and slid William's tack off the shelf. "Be careful Bella," my teacher Diane called to me as I almost slid in a pile of mud. William was already looking over the stall door when I unlocked the door. Once more people started arriving I got myself even more psyched for the show. "Gracie come here!" "Coming!" I slid the door open and she came in. I tossed her a grooming brush and she started grooming William. I clipped the lead line onto William's neon green halter. I am going to bring him to get his mane and tail braided. After William was braided, I did one final groom over before I put his tack on. Diane came up to William's stall while I was fastening the final strap on William's bridle. I led William out of his stall and Diane came up behind me. I tightened William's girth and rubbed his face.

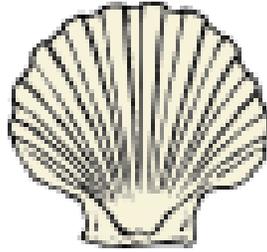
"Mount, Bella," Diane said. I quickly asked my mom for a leg up. I placed my knee in her palms and hopped up. Once I settled myself on William's back, I smiled down at my little sister who was still holding my grooming brush. "Can I groom him?" Gracie asked me. "Not right now," I told her. I heard the loudspeaker crackling to life **FIRST CALL FOR SHORT STIRRUP JUMPERS!** I took a deep breath and nudged Snoopy forward. I called Gracie over. I whispered to her "Do you want to get the gate for all the riders. Gracie, eyes flashing with excitement, went over to get the gate. I flashed a smile to Grace as I nudged William through the gate. "Start off at a canter" Diane told me as William slipped through the gate. I circled and pushed William into a canter and faced him toward the first jump. "One, two, three, ..." I counted my strides under my breath, "and jump." William rose into the air at the perfect time, and I couldn't help but to smile at how good my form was. I headed toward the next jump. 1, 2, 3 and jump. . . . . perfect! I

looked at the next jump. This one was hard, and I could tell two horses had already shied at this one, but I knew that William was a brave pony. I squeezed my eyes shut and opened them 3 seconds later. We were already over and cantering toward the next jump! I adjusted my seat and focused harder than ever. This was the jump that would put me in good standing for a ribbon. I cleared it but I think I fell forward a little. I brought William back to a trot and then a walk. Gracie walked over to me and hugged William and said, "If you hug Snoopy then the hug will be passed on!" So I hugged Snoopy's sweating body. "I am going to wipe Snoopy down before the ribbons are going to be passed out." I led Snoopy into his warm stall and threw two flakes of hay in. I took his bridle off he gave me a quick friendly nudge and then went straight for his hay.

The loudspeaker beeped and said, "RIBBONS FOR SHORT STIRRUP JUMPERS ARE BEING HANDED OUT IN RING TWO." I clipped the lead line onto Snoopy's neon green halter and led him out of his stall. "In fifth place is Danny, in fourth place is Chris, in third place is Chance, in second is Ghost, and in first is William!" I led William forward, which was hard because he was literally prancing on the end of the lead rope. I knew that William could tell he won. I pinned the blue ribbon onto William's halter. Picture perfect. It blew gently in the wind. Today was a perfect day, and I knew it.

# Poetry





## Shells

- Sabireen Alim

Shell oh shell

You are as white as snow and as red as a heart.

On the inside you are as smooth as silk and as calm as a swan.

But on the outside you are as rough as a chipped old rock.

You are as sneaky as a spy, turning red and white.

You are lava red and like little white and red steps.

You are as shy and as quiet as a butterfly.

Your scent is like the big, bright, blue sea.

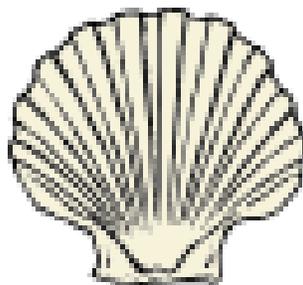
You are as shiny as gold shining in the light of the huge, bright sun.

You are as bumpy as a turtle's shell.

You are as slimy as a snake.

You are as loving and as beautiful and as loving as a mother.

Shell oh Shell.



## **Math**

- *Rafe Garcia-Hidalgo*

Math, math, math  
Measuring minutes  
On the clock.  
I like math.  
Math is magnificent  
With measuring, fractions  
And time that has  
Seconds, minutes, and hours.



## **A time**

- *Charlotte Alden*

(Dedicated to my brother)

Tell me,  
A time in your life,  
An amazing time,  
A miraculous time.

A time where flowers perked up  
their heads,  
A time of joy.  
A place where it was beautiful,  
A god in the midst.

Tell me,  
A time in your life.

## **Sitting Still**

- *Lucas Kaplan*

Sitting still is hard to do  
Unless you have a friend named Moo.  
Most people can't sit still  
Unless they take a sitting still pill.

## **Fantastic Pets**

- *Natalie Ryan*

Pets are cool  
People have  
Pets!  
I have a dog  
Named Polly  
Polly likes parrots.  
Parrots like Polly.  
The cat, Piper,  
Likes Polly.  
Polly likes  
The cat!  
Peter the Parrot  
Likes people!

## **Bears**

- *William Dickstein*

Bears are here  
Bears are there  
Bears are everywhere  
Bears eat meat  
Bears eat plants and fruit  
Bears even eat meat, plant, and  
fruit

Some are black  
Some are brown  
Some are even black and brown



## **Ode to Planes**

- *Ayman L.*

Thank you, planes,  
for giving me fun,  
for giving me flight.  
You let me go  
to Morocco,  
to Russia,  
then back home to America.  
Thanks for landing  
safe on the runway.  
You make me feel  
Happy!

## Water

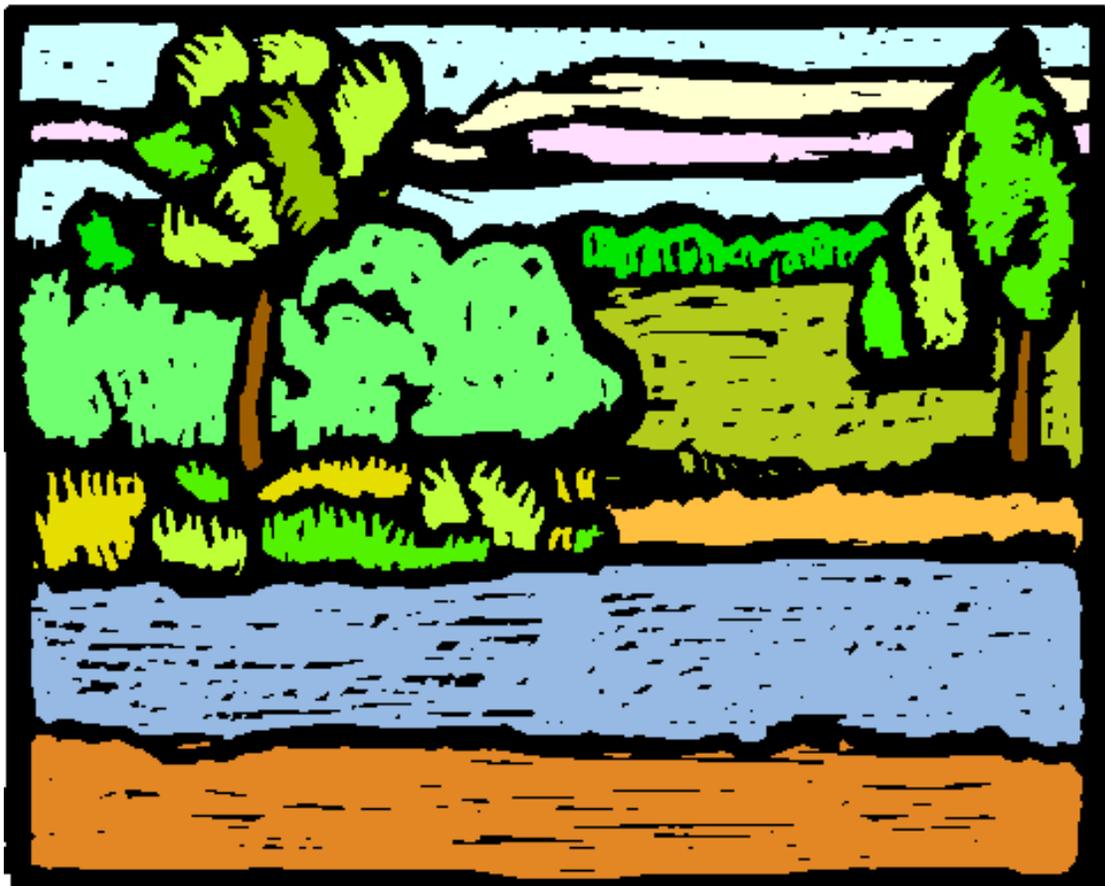
- Michael Walters

Water walks slowly across the riverbank

Water is sad but sometimes holds it in

Sometimes water is angry and SPLASH the water goes everywhere

And then sinks back into the river.



## Fire

- Jason Grayer

Fire flaming fast down your street  
in a formation.

It's a red flying frenzy.

Your eyes will burn,  
when you see this fire fleeing  
fleet.

Its high heat flame is hotter than  
a sun.

## The House on Fire

- Clayton Steiner

I smell the ashes, yuck!

What's that! I hear it! I hear it!

The fire engine, it's here!

Cough, Cough!

I tasted smoke! Ouch! I touched  
fire!

Oh-no! The house ... I see it is  
burning!

The house on fire.

## Firehouse

-Natalie Schwartz

In the firehouse I taste the  
warm water

I hear the bell go off and I see  
all of the firemen slide down  
their poles

I watch them get on their big  
red fire truck.

I touch helmets on the  
bookshelf and I smell smoke  
nearby.



## Rainforest

- *Lucas Caravelho*

Wild animals sneaking around.  
Wild flower eating bugs  
Smelly plants, hidden vines  
Trees, trees all around  
Jaguar eating dead animals, bugs eating plants  
The Rainforest is dangerous and pretty  
Rainforest.



## Rainforest

- *Luke Manganello*

Panthers and tigers jumping tree to tree.  
Toucans and parrots yelling "squeak, squeak"  
Monkeys hanging on trees.  
Fruits of the rainforest.  
The beauty of nature.  
Rainforest

## The Jungle

- *Gracie Godes*

In the jungle I can feel the wind up against me.  
I can see wild animals in front of me.  
I hear wild animals.  
I touch the tree sap on the trees, my hands get sticky.  
I taste a coconut from a tree ... Mmmm!  
I can smell the sweet air.  
The jungle.

## Animal Club

- *Reuben Rochkind*

Mice on a dice. Mice drink on ice, eating rice in Miceland.  
Dog went for a jog when there was fog with a log that was soggy.  
Cat on a mat eating a rat while he sat on a rat with cat food.  
Fish on a dish playing like fish on dish and having fun while they play in the animal club.

## Camels

- *Pamica Yongyosying*

Camels eat candy canes in Candy World.  
The camels eat caramel till they get crazy.  
The camels came from California to eat the Candy World.



## The Tree

- Miguel Van Der Mensbrugge

The tree walks slowly down the forest.

His name is Roots.

His best friend is trunk.

They like to play hop scotch.

They like hopscotch so much they wouldn't mind missing school, but of course they have to.

Their teacher's name is Mrs. Branch.

She teaches math and reading.

Trees only have four hours of school so they have to go home.



## **The Tree**

- Jyothi Ramiah Petit

The tree is tall

His hands are leaves

They move in the sky

His legs stand still in the ground.

## **Trees**

- Rachel Bachmann

The trees move with the wind.

Swiftly through the branches

They dance through the meadow.

You can see them in your dreams

And you can see them in your nightmares.

Trees are all around you,

The trees always say:

"We are big and beautiful."

## Trees

- Asher Rubin

Tree is a boy that eats apples.

Tree's enemy is seeds.

When tree is cool it sleeps.

Then wakes up in the spring.

## **Sad**

- *Laura Rudo*

Sad is sad today.  
He wears black clothes every day.  
Happy is his enemy. They always kick and fight.  
At lunch they don't sit together and at recess they don't play.  
Sad's friend is upset.  
They play together every day.

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## **Sad**

- *Christian Tegtmeier*

Sad likes to punch and kick  
Sad's friend is mad and angry.  
Happy is his enemy  
Sad wears black clothes with sad  
faces on them.  
You won't find him at a birthday  
party.

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## What?

- *Julian Fischer*

What are you asking?

What are you doing?

What are you eating?

Well of course I can't just say what.

Let's see.

What is your favorite thing?

Let's see.

Trains, planes, fantasy? I just can't find one.

OK, then, I'll ask you another question.

What is your favorite color?

Let's see.

Red, blue, green? I just can't find one.

OK, then, I'll ask you another question.

What is your favorite day?

Let's see.

February 20, June 6, January 26. I just can't find one.

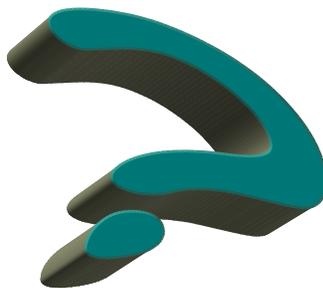
OK, then, I'll ask you another question.

Let me think. What is your favorite animal?

Let's see.

Dolphin, peregrine falcon, puma? I just can't find one.

OK, then. Good bye!



## Bee

- Anna Horton

Buzz, Buzz, Buzz  
Bee passing by,  
You carry nectar while you fly  
Hi bee, don't sting me  
or you'll die!



## Firefly

- Zoe Meyer

Oh firefly  
The flashing light  
Oh firefly  
How you glide in the night sky  
When people catch you,  
You glow  
Your friends and your family  
Fly with you  
Oh firefly  
You glow  
You light  
Oh firefly.

## My Shoes

- Madeline Molyneux

I like my shoes  
They are new.  
They are new  
and they are blue.  
I got them  
from my Cousin Sue.  
I like my shoes.  
And I like you.

## Ode to my Games

- Stefan Ostojic

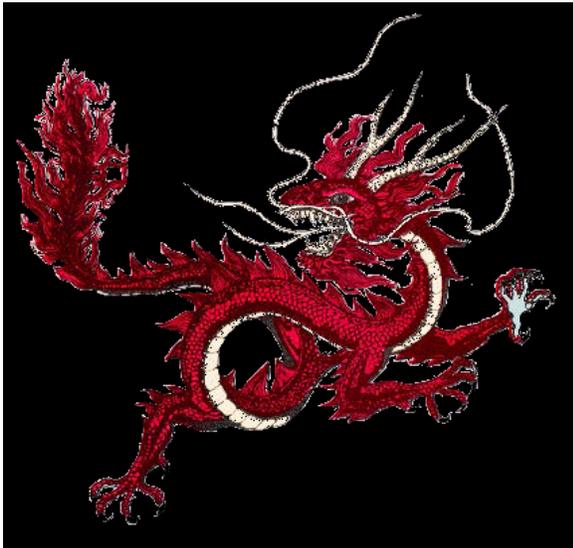
Ode to my games.  
Games,  
if I would live  
without you,  
I would die.  
If I would live without you  
I would go crazy.  
If I have you for  
just half my life  
I would be so happy  
that I would explode  
with happiness.

**The Dragon Passes By**  
- *Gabriel Oakes*

The Dragon passes by  
when there is a gray cloud over  
your head,  
for the Dragons' mouth is  
smoking.

The Dragon passes by  
when the smell of smoke  
comes down from the Heavens.

The Dragon passes by  
when there are  
glowing green eyes in the sky.



**Dragons**  
- *Adam Cohen*

When you walk  
into a cave you'll find  
**DRAGONS!**  
Swooping right past  
your face  
at amazing speeds.  
Whooosshhhh!  
Breathing fire  
to destroy things.  
An amazing experience  
seeing  
Dragons!

## Beautiful Birds

- *Jessica Sliter*

Oh Look!  
Oh Look!  
It's a Beautiful Bird  
With ruby red and blue  
Beautiful Bird wings.

At first,  
I thought it was a butterfly!  
You know why?  
Because it was so Beautiful!

Oh Look!  
Oh Look!  
A Bird upon the sky...



## Wind

- *Wisse Cammeraat*

When you look out your window  
You will see the leaves howling,  
The trees kicking,  
and the grass screaming.  
Then the wind leaves.  
It goes away,  
And everything stops.

## Sunshine

- *Michaela Davis*

Sunshine loves  
to do everything.  
Sunshine loves  
to zoom up the trees.  
She could make it past the bees.  
Sunshine plays with the moon in  
May.  
She has something new to do every  
day.

## Clouds

- *Bridget Grant*

Clouds are in a rage.  
He makes big stomping sounds.  
He starts racing across the sky.  
He's so angry a light fills up his  
head and busts out the top.  
He feels so bad he starts to cry.  
He slows down and walks home.

**The Pencil**  
- *Georgi Kocharyan*

A pencil stands and starts to write.  
What it writes about nobody knows  
"You got to ask the pencil," people say.  
The pencil can get taller and shorter.  
How he does it, nobody knows.  
"It is a pencil of mystery," most people say.  
The pencil doesn't know what to say.  
After all, he's a pencil of mystery.



## **In Spring**

- *Kaitlyn Martin*

In Spring the flowers bloom.  
The trees get green leaves.  
The days get warm.  
What a surprise.

## **Football Practice**

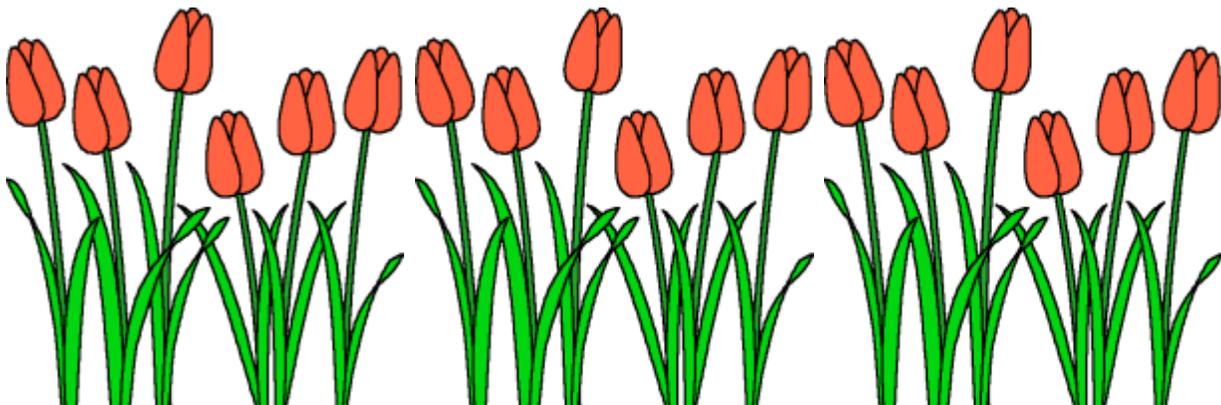
- *Zachary Zeldow*

People yelling touchdown.  
With lots of sweat dripping into  
your mouth.  
You see your teammates with  
huge smiles on their face.  
You can give your teammates  
high fives.  
You can smell the grass.

## **Flowers**

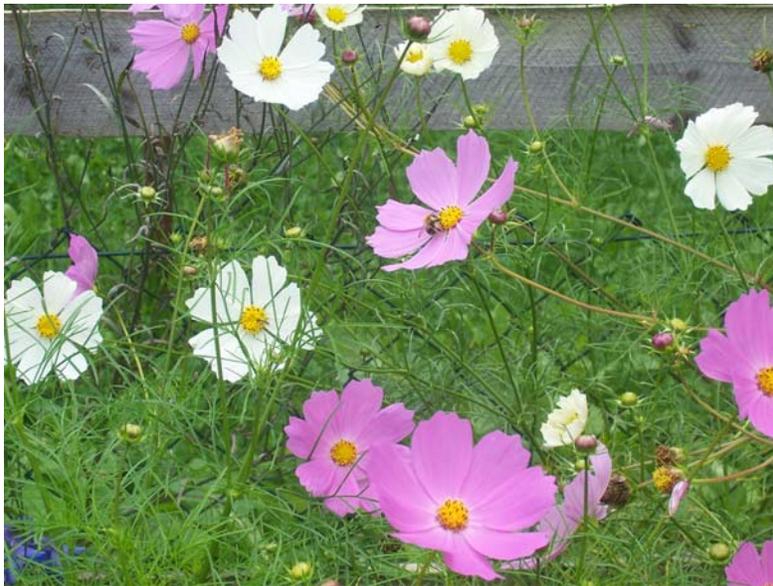
- *Drew Skilton*

Ms. B. misses her flowers  
She searches for hours.  
Drew decides to look  
But Franky finds four under a  
book.  
"Yipee!" yells Ms. B.  
Boom, bash, oh me!  
Thunder crashes  
Everyone dashes  
For the door of the school.  
Springtime is cool.



**Springtime**  
- *Sammy Tercyak*

Springtime, springtime, spring is here,  
Time for joy and time for cheer.  
Say goodbye to wintery days, give  
Me the playground where I play.  
Springtime, springtime is here at last.  
Give me the fresh air that was in the past.  
So spring is here at last!



**Spring**  
- *Ayaka Sugimoto*

Spring flowers springing out of the ground.  
Daises dancing,  
Fabulous flowers swaying in the wind.  
Sun shining in the sky.  
Butterfly on a big flower.  
On this sunny day  
Spring time is here!

## **The Apple Tree**

*- Justin Carboni*

The apple tree, the apple tree.

It sways and so it breathes of  
The only clean air. It grows but  
Only apples put in as red or green.  
The apple tree, the apple tree.

It has superpowers making  
Wonderful things such as green  
Leaves and flowers upon its branches.  
The apple tree, the apple tree.

It is magical for its beauty  
Of wonder for its colors of leaves.  
Oh apple tree, oh apple tree of wonder.

## **The Swan**

*- Ayyoob Waddood*

The swan passed by our house.  
Our mom tried to capture it.  
Our dad tried to staple its wings.  
I set a trap and I got it!  
I fed him and took care of him for a year.  
Then, I set him free.  
He promised to come back at winter.  
And so, a happy-ever after.

## The Paintbrush of Beauty

- Matthew Evenson

As the light of morning nears,  
The paintbrush in the sky starts painting,  
Of blues and then yellows,  
That glistens like pennies in the sun  
All of the animals watch as the land around them illuminates as if it is  
on fire  
And their colorful fur shines like the sun itself

The fish in the ocean dart through the flowing water  
With their scales sparkling  
The colorful coral burst out of the ocean floor like trees in a forest  
Beneath the waves that dance to the music of the earth's beauty

But as the afternoon approaches,  
The paint brushes starting painting with reds, yellows, and purples  
That burns in a dazzling gleam  
And the animals no longer see a sky as plain as the grass scattered  
African Plains  
But a sky that gives the earth the beauty it deserves



## Rain

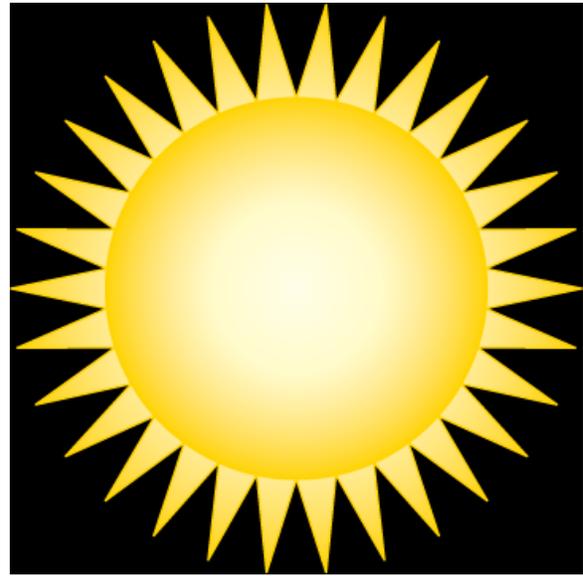
- *Kate Snedeker*

Here comes the rain,  
drip, drop.  
The rain is dancing from the  
clouds.  
The rain makes thunder and  
lightning angry,  
so they scream at him  
This makes rain so sad,  
But people cheer him up  
by jumping in his puddles.  
Here comes more rain,  
drip, drop.  
Remember,  
thunder and lightning often get  
mad.  
So, just stomp in the puddles.

## Rain

- *Parker Merrill*

The rain is falling from the sky.  
Drop, drop ...  
I can feel the rain falling from the  
sky.  
I can smell the mud  
Made from the rain  
falling from the sky.  
I can see the rain falling from the  
sky.  
And I can taste the rain falling  
from the sky.



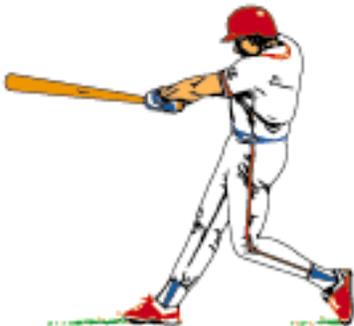
## Sun

- *Madeline Healey*

Sun, Sun, Sun  
Shining in the sophisticated sky.  
Slowly going out, fast coming in.  
Sun, Sun, Sun  
sometimes hiding  
behind the clouds  
like a snake in the sky,  
slithering to its cave.  
Sun, Sun, Sun,  
like a yellow dandelion,  
you hold Spring  
Until it is time for Spring to burst  
out from your arms,  
like a flower, bursting out of its  
bud.  
Sun, Sun, Sun

**An Ode to My Baseball Bat**  
- *Seth Bangser*

Oh  
baseball bat,  
you always  
hit that  
ball  
for me.  
You always let me  
run those bases.  
Bing!  
Bang!  
Oh  
baseball bat,  
thin  
and  
cool.  
Swish, swash  
it zooms super  
fast. It lets me  
catch that ball,  
run around  
the field. Go, go,  
go! Thank  
you,  
baseball bat.



**Ode to My Sled**  
- *Danny Silva*

Sled,  
You are fun.  
You are fast.  
You are  
the best.  
I like you.  
You are  
the best.  
You are great.  
Oh thank you

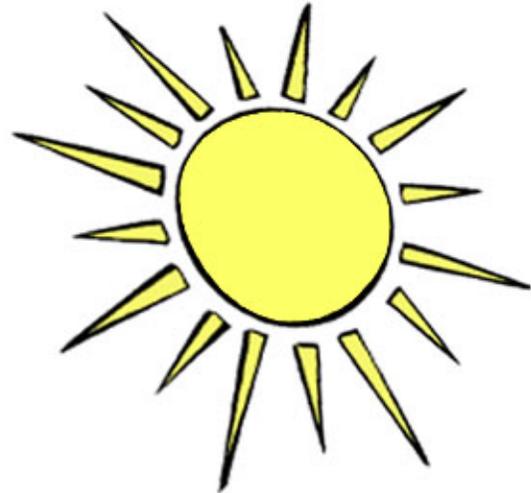
**Ode to Donuts**  
- *Loann Daeninckx*

Big donuts,  
fat donuts,  
donuts  
we eat  
at home.  
I eat chocolate,  
I gobble up  
strawberry,  
even donuts  
with cream  
make my  
tummy happy.

## Yellow

- *Gavin May*

Yellow lightens the earth,  
And makes everyone happy.  
He is warm and light.  
Yellow's worst enemy is blue,  
Why?  
Blue makes him disappear  
And become green.  
Yellow hates green  
Yellow doesn't want to disappear.  
Yellow wants to be yellow!



## Blue

- *Andrew Caden*

When do you see the blue?  
When do you see the blue?  
When do you see the rain?  
Well!  
To me they are the same.



## Snow

- *Luke Swatland*

Snow, you are cold,  
you make the world white.  
When you come, snow,  
I can play outside.  
I can make big snowmen.  
I can make piles of snowballs.  
I don't go to school!!  
I like you, snow,  
please come again soon...

## Rain

- *Caroline Brody*

Before it rains,  
You know it's going to come;  
Before it rains,  
It's like the earth is holding it's breath;  
As dark clouds roll in and then exhale  
Onto one place.  
Completely destroying the sunlight,  
Spreading gloom all over it,  
While you're stuck inside.



## Spring

- *Nohelia Solari*

I'm cuter than a button  
neater than a pin  
I have freckles on my forehead  
and a birthmark on my chin  
I have blue eyes as blue birds  
shiny golden hair  
and when I turn around everyone just stares  
I have red lips like the color rose  
and when I turn around again I just want to pose.

**The Waves**  
- *Thea Hegwood*

The waves go through the walls.  
And I Hear them singing to me.  
The waves shimmer from the sun.  
I just lay on my back.  
They dance and sing with me.  
And they splash and row.  
And all around me I see the sky flying high.  
The flowers are sleeping.  
The grass blowing this way and that way.  
The raindrops drop in the waves.  
I hear the people talking and playing.  
The waves have been all around us.  
Listen to the waves.

**Seashells**  
- *Isabel Danzis*

I love to collect seashells.  
I like all seashells big and little.  
Not one's my favorite. I walk on  
the beach looking for them.  
Broken and whole they are still a  
seashell. I lay them to dry. In  
the morning I go out again.





The End

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