

# A Flower Of Your Own Making

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## Introduction

The students and I had a tradition in our poetry classes. Before we began reading and writing each day, we made sure to first “turn on our imaginations” by flipping the invisible switch on our heads, or pushing the invisible buttons on our chest, or cranking the invisible lever on our back. Each student had their own special method. I invite you now, before going any further in this collection, to turn on your own imagination. If you are looking for advice on how to do it, perhaps you can ask one of the amazing featured poets.

I only had four weeks to spend at East Village Community School. In that short time, the poets blew me away with their creativity, their playfulness, their wisdom, and their generosity with themselves and with each other. This generosity is exemplified in lines from Julia F.’s poem, “Imagination Me”:

Imagination me is free to be me.  
Imagination me can be he or she.  
Imagination me is a flower in bloom.  
Imagination me can be late or soon.  
Imagination me is a bright star.  
Imagination me knows who you are.  
Imagination me is crazy or calm.  
Imagination me is right or wrong.  
Imagination me is a friend to all.  
Imagination me is big or small.

Poetry should always be an act of generosity and of empathy. By its very nature, it opens us up. It encourages us to consider other perspectives. It demands that we reimagine the world in new and exciting and better ways. And it requires that we grant ourselves permission to play. It was a delight to watch the young poets of EVCS take to these tasks.

I watched them write poems celebrating their friends. I watched them write poems celebrating the world, and the animals and objects, big and small, that fill it. And I watched them celebrate themselves: their hearts, their minds, and their seemingly endless imaginations. Week by week, their confidence grew and their poetic voices blossomed.

It is my sincere hope that they all continue to write poetry after I've left, because the world needs more voices like those of the EVCS poets. I'll turn it over, now, to Isabella C., who, in "Nice Poetry," summarizes my thoughts on poetry more beautifully than I can:

I am a building of flowers  
that never falls down  
because I am a building of imagination.

## Kathleen's Class

Alyssa R.  
Asher L.  
Cleo G.  
Declan R.  
Elijah L.  
Emilia D.  
Haylie R.  
Isabella C.  
James S.  
Juan P.  
Julia F.  
Julian M.  
Luca I. M.  
Nadhirah N.  
Nika N.  
Noga W.  
Odin D.  
Otis B.  
Pietro N.  
Ray C.  
Rex C.  
Royenn B.  
Shigi O.  
Teo S.  
Yuri H.

ALYSSA R.

## **Things to Do if You Are the Sky**

If you are the sky, wake up the children.  
If you are the sky, play with the children!  
Brighten the world with your shining light, with joy.  
Smile at the children when they wake up.  
If you are the sky, make sure the children  
have a great day at school  
so they can be happy all day!

## **Tired Cat**

I am a cat that is very tired.  
I am a cat that is soaring  
through the sky, sleeping all day long.  
I'm on a plane, sleeping on a cloud.  
I'm going to Japan  
to sleep in a hotel room for 5 days.  
I am a cat that just met a unicorn.  
I am a cat that is going  
to the play with the unicorn.  
I am going back to sleep.  
I am going to sleep again,  
again, again, again.

ASHER L.

## **Things to Do if You Are Snow**

Glide to the left if the wind is blowing.  
Glide to the right and face the light.

Fall from the sky gently...  
gently.

Rise & shine, snowflakes,  
and pile on top.

Come on, snow,  
get up, get up.

People, get on your stuff,  
& get outside!

Get out of the sky & come  
down & hit the ground!

Come on snow, play... play with  
kids have fun!

## Calming Poetry

I am a deer running through the calming woods  
with brown trees.

I am a big imagination in my mind  
that is thinking hard.

I am a cloud whistling in the wind  
loudly as a roar.

I am a pencil running on paper,  
paper as smooth as fur.

I am under the sea,  
the deepest part and calming part.

I am a bagel  
that is getting demolished by a mean human!

I am the calmest water ever  
coming out a waterfall, a big waterfall that is brown.

I am a shadow following my deepest friends.

I am life of all life.

I am the man,  
the only man on earth.

I am bubble tea getting drank by a human!

I am skills, the only skills, the best skills.

I am a kitten, the softest kitten,  
it is so soft your hand faints.

I am a person, a calm person.

CLEO G.

## **Soothing Poem**

I am a white cloud  
soaring through the sky with white hair  
I am a blue bird racing the wind.  
I am blowing in the wind.  
I am a teacher ringing the chime.  
I am a pair of fast feet.  
I am a blowfish shimmering in the water.  
I am a blue horse running in the air.  
I am a tree losing its leaves.

## **Things to Do if You Are the Earth**

The earth is powerful.  
The earth is strong.  
The earth is me, Cleo.

Jump up into the sky  
and see the Earth  
from a mile away.  
If you do, make sure to send me a picture.

Jump up into the sky.  
Scratch the Earth with  
a great big toe.

The earth is far  
from the moon  
the earth says, "Hey! Over there!  
Who are you?"

Where is the sun?  
Where is the moon?  
I am the Earth.  
Where are you?"

"I am the sun.  
I am the moon  
I am everything.  
Who are you?"

DECLAN R.

## **Untitled**

I am a shooting star  
in the middle of the night.  
I am from the soothing sound of waves of glory.  
I'm from the beautiful sunset  
in the middle of the ocean.  
I am from the beautiful seashells.  
I am from a beautiful star.  
I am an eagle soaring in the sky in the night.  
I am a beautiful other world.

ELIJAH L.

## **Peace**

I am a lonely guy in the sky  
that is broken.

I am a sea-diver in the water  
that goes with the flow.

I am a car that is in pieces.

I'm the darkest night.

I am a clock that is ticking.

EMILIA D.

### **Things to Do if You Are a Star**

I give away the light  
and shine the night.  
If you see me,  
and take a pic  
and send it on instagram,  
blow a wish,  
I will send you the gift  
I will go to Jupiter  
and see the galaxy.  
If I will be a star,  
I will soar through the night.

### **This is Who I Am**

I am a bird soaring through the blue clouds.  
I am the luck who runs through all people.  
I am the light shining in every home.  
I can fly through every cloud in the bright sky.  
I am the moon shining through the sky.  
I am the longest trail in every park.  
I am the one who plays and sits on the moon.  
I am the technology who brings that light to you.

HAYLIE R.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Butterfly**

I will fly with a moth, who is my friend.  
The moth will fly tonight with the butterfly.  
The butterfly will fly with the moth  
to the forest.

## **Flying Dog**

I am a dog flying high in a great sky.  
I am flying in my dreams and no one will stop me  
because I am deep, really deep.  
I am a dog. I'm barking in the sky, high.  
I am a sky that is saying, "Hello.  
No one hears me. Come and see."  
I am a fly toy everyone knows but they're scared.  
I don't know why.  
I am a doll, I don't know why.  
Maybe because I'm a doll.  
I am a bird flying. I got a mouse. I'm starving.  
I don't know why.  
I am food. I am scared  
because I'm going  
to be eaten. I'm scared.

ISABELLA C.

## **Nice Poetry**

I am a small child  
with a big imagination.

I am a beautiful black horse  
hiding in the night.

I am a dolphin jumping out of the ocean  
in a sunset of fire.

I am a beautiful aroma soaring through the sky,  
making the world follow me.

I am a tree growing faster  
than a human's eye blinks,  
and when I'm finished growing,  
I am the strongest tree in the world.

I am a building of flowers  
that never falls down  
because I am a building of imagination.

I am the first star to shine bright.

JAMES S.

## **Things to Do If You Are Fire**

Be cool.

Be hot.

Be as smooth as a pot.

Just be chili, like the food,  
when you're blown out.

Be up and about.

People make puppets,  
shadows, and just be cool  
like fire.

JUAN P.

## **Things to Do if You Are the Sky**

Turn yourself happy  
and make the sunrise  
like a rainbow in the spring.

Make it rain  
and stormy  
like a thundering sound  
with a lightning bolt hitting the ground.

## **Untitled**

I am a pencil, writing something.  
I am a bird who wants to sing a song.

I am a fire, burning so hot.  
I am some broccoli in a gray pot.

I am some ice, freezing cold.  
I am some ice that people can hold, but not for long.

I am a paper that is crumpled.  
I am a volcano that will rumble.

JULIA F.

## **Imagination Me**

Imagination me is free to be me.  
Imagination me can be he or she.  
Imagination me is a flower in bloom.  
Imagination me can be late or soon.  
Imagination me is a bright star.  
Imagination me knows who you are.  
Imagination me is crazy or calm.  
Imagination me is right or wrong.  
Imagination me is a friend to all.  
Imagination me is big or small.  
Imagination me is as kind as a willow, swaying.  
Imagination me likes to snuggle  
with her pillow, praying.  
Imagination me is the sun in the sky, shining.  
Imagination me is a bun in the fry, whining.  
Imagination me is who she's meant to be  
for ever and ever.

## **Things to Do if You are Fire**

Burn your way through problems and anger.  
Melt your way through fear and worry.

Grabbing your red spiky hairdo,  
clutching your hot red coat in the strong wind.

Finding the nicest friend  
to be there for you.

Attack your enemy  
the ice, who is water because of you.

Woosh! Woosh! The wind  
blows you here!

Woosh woosh the wind  
blows your there!

Help, fire, everywhere.  
Wait, I am fire.

JULIAN M.

## **Things To Do if You are a Bad Guy Superman**

Fly through the sky and punch good guys.  
Do laser vision on secret hideouts  
when they are planning to defeat you.  
Destroy ancient temples.  
Steal secret weapons and rob a bank.  
Get \$10,000 and use that money right away.  
If a mob of policemen chases you, just fly to Africa,  
day by day.  
Every day, if the whole world chases you off the  
Earth,  
just fly to Jupiter or Mars.  
If an alien ship invasion destroys Earth just say:  
“Thank you!!!”

## **Flying**

I am a flying baseball, flying football.  
I am a flying anything in the world.

I am an eagle scraping the burning sun on Saturday.  
I am an eagle flying in the thunder of midday.

I can fly so high, I can touch the moon  
and Jupiter, plus Mars and Pluto.

I can fly so high  
I can land on an alien's flying taxi in space.

I can fly so high, no one can spot me,  
and I can fly sooo high  
I can beat a spaceship.

I even won the "Fly So High" prize.  
That's how high I can fly.

LUCA I. M.

## **Things to Do if You Are Spring**

Shut down winter and push away summer.  
Kick down fall. Let the birds sing.  
Do what you want, every little thing.  
Make every season like you.  
March can be your head, April  
is your body,  
and May is your feet.  
Don't get mad at anyone.  
You are very lucky, Spring.

## **Me in the Sky**

I am me with a big imagination.  
I am a bird that lands on a thick branch.  
I am a duck that soars near the pond.  
I am an eagle that swoops to the ground.  
I am the sun that lights up the world.  
I am the moon who darkens the sky.  
I am me.  
I am me.  
I am free.  
I am free.

NADHIRAH N.

## **Things to Do if You Are Summer**

If you are a sun,  
you will brighten the sky,  
and you will be hot.

If you smell a flower,  
you will make everything wonderful.

## **Unicorn**

I am a unicorn that is flying in the sky  
with a rainbow path.

I am a unicorn standing on a rainbow  
with unicorn TV.

I am a kid that has a unicorn.

I am a kid that has a unicorn fluffy shirt.

I am a unicorn that makes everything unicorns.

I am a unicorn that is magical and fluffy.

I am a unicorn that makes everything and everyone  
magical.

I am a unicorn that makes everything rainbow.

NIKA N.

## **I Am Myself**

I am a butterfly that flies in the storm clouds.  
I am a deer that walks calm in the forest.  
I am the water as clean as the ocean.  
I am the world that is calm, then anything.  
I am a chair as strong as I can be.  
I am a bird that soars through the bright sky.  
I am a shimmering fish that swims in the ocean.  
I am a moon that brightens the sky.

## **Things to Do if You are a Cloud**

Cloud, cloud, don't cry.  
Cloud, cloud, play with your friends.  
Cloud, don't throw the thunder.  
Cloud, cloud, fly around and have fun.  
Cloud, cloud, chill and stay calm.  
Cloud, cloud, and don't get gray and grumpy.  
Cloud, cloud, calm down and read a book.  
Cloud, cloud, make your world the best.

NOGA W.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Cloud**

Put on that soft, fluffy coat!  
Become a brand new shape each day!  
Come down, but not too low,  
because I don't like fog.  
Come out from jet planes,  
out from a train. Come out  
from the beautiful fire  
and warn people with smoke.  
Tell firefighters that fire is near.  
Come from a bonfire,  
sausages and marshmallows roasting,  
but please, please, don't bring rain!

## **This is Me**

I am a shimmering blue bird  
soaring through the sky.

I am beautiful.  
I soar high up in the clouds.  
I am happy.

I am a stormy night. I have power.  
I mean a lot to umbrellas.

I am rain pouring down.  
Lightning and thunder  
are my friends.

I like dark clouds, too.  
They bring me rain.

I am awake.

I am alive.  
My life is important.  
Locked in my brain.

I am me.

ODIN D.

## **Things to Do if You Are Life (aka The Cereal)**

Go to a factory  
and be manufactured.

Go into a box with your friends  
and suffocate in the plastic wrapper  
then be eaten by a human  
size 20 or 30.

And then go into the sewers  
where I will live my life.

As you can see,  
I am a cycle of life and death.

I will reform as a grain of wheat.  
I have been defeated too many times.

I am not as little as you think,  
even though I am smaller than a tree.  
I can kill a bee.

I will keep doing this for the rest of my life.

OTIS B.

## **Cheerio's Death**

I am a grain of wheat.  
I am being manufactured.

I am a circle of life and death.  
I am the death of cheerios.

I will be eaten by a living thing of leg of two or four.  
It has ripping teeth and a gland of death.

I am being digested.  
I am flushed to the sewer where I will live my life

The rats will eat me.  
Their teeth puncture me.

I am damaged.

I am the grain of wheat that once lived its life.

PIETRO N.

## **Calm Wind**

I am a blue bird scraping the clouds.

I am the breeze in the wind.

I am the light in a star that makes the Big Dipper.

I am the stripes on a cheetah hunting in the woods.

I am a flame in a fire, burning blue.

I am the reflection on a shimmering diamond.

I am the glaze on a donut  
that was made seconds ago.

I am life.

## **Things to Do If You Are Water**

Sit in a cup.

Be see-through.

Be drinkable.

Look like glass.

Cry a lot.

Drink a lot of water.

Be in plastic.

Have a hat that looks like a cap.

RAY C.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Dog**

Play fetch with a ball.

Shake hands with other puppies.

Jump up for a frisbee.

## **My Life**

I am happy. I am great.

I am soaring through the sky.

I am doing great.

I am shining the sky.

I love my family.

I love my friends.

I am kind and thoughtful.

I am proud of who I am.

REX C.

## **Things to Do if You Are Winter**

Make the snow fall on the children.  
Make the slippery ice form.  
Make the sun go behind the cloud.  
Make the snow fall on the skyscraper.  
Oh, but it is almost spring!  
The ice is melting, the snow is gone,  
and it is time to shine.  
Let the clouds go away.  
Spring has come. Winter is gone.

## **I Am**

I am a golden eagle soaring through the sky.  
I am the child who walks the cemetery.  
I am the father who walks the dragon.  
I am the first man to touch the moon.  
I am the first to invent a time machine.  
I am the moon and the stars  
and the first star to be created.  
I am the spook who haunts the house.  
I am the ghost who holds the pitchfork.

ROYENN B.

## **Things to Do if You Are New York City**

Make busy trains go.

Make crowds of people stop and wait for cars to go by.

Make this clean place filthy.

Make squirrels go up a tree.

Make dogs poop on the sidewalk.

Make skyscrapers even taller.

Make no space for things or people.

## **I Cannot Go to School Today**

I cannot go to school today.

My belly is hurting me.

My thigh on the right,

I think it's killing me.

So now, you see,

I just cannot go to school today.

I have a headache in my brain,

and I can't feel my ears!

I cannot go to school today.

I think I have a fever,

and I'm feeling really cold.

I just can't go to school today.  
I twisted my leg. I hurt my knee.  
I might have gotten the goose bumps,  
and my hair is falling out.  
I cannot go to school today.

SHIGI O.

### **Things to Do if You Are a Forest**

If you are a forest you can sing in peace for others.  
If you are a forest you can live for others, like animals.  
If you are a forest you can make  
things live  
like flowers, humans, and earth.

### **Things to Do if You Are a Poem**

If you're a poem, you can sing.  
If you're a poem, you can say.  
If you're a poem, you can do rhymes  
and laughs and fun.  
If you are a poem  
you can do whatever you want in a book.  
If you are a poem  
you can just get read.

TEO S.

## **Things to Do if You Are Spring**

Spring into the light.  
Spring to the right and  
you'll be the best.  
Shut down winter and bring the spring.  
Spring...spring...spring.  
Spring, spring, that's why we sing.  
Spring, spring, that is the best.  
Spring is mine.  
Spring is the best.

## **Me and only me**

I am the sun brightening the sky.  
I am the horse running left to right.  
I am the eagle surfing the sky.  
I am the water as bright as the sky.

I am alive today.  
I am alive today.  
I am alive today.

I am a cheetah as fast as the wind.  
I am the shadows under everything.

I am me, not you.  
I am me, not you.

I am everything.  
I am the color in all living things.  
I am the eagle that flies so high.

I am me.  
I am me.

YURI H.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Habitat**

Butterfly flying around a tree!

### **Unicorn**

I am a unicorn flying towards the sky.

My unicorn ran in the wind like a horse.

I am a unicorn that plays in the wind.

I am a unicorn with a plushy brush with a very long mane. Cold rainbow color.

I am a unicorn flying like a bird,  
but I'm so white that no one can see me!

I am a unicorn that pushes me in the sky.

Don't push me! I can't fly!

I am a unicorn with a big imagination.

A sky that has trees on the clouds.

I am a unicorn that has glitter on me.

I roll over and there is more glitter on me!

## Louise and Rebecca's Class

Amelia M.  
Chuck C.  
Dagny D.  
David L.  
Eitan S.  
Elias M. R.  
Gus L.  
Inacio M.  
Indigo P. F.  
Juliette H. F.  
Kahlil C.  
Kai S.  
Kaylee R.  
Marquise B.  
Mavis R.  
Max S.  
Nico C.  
Olive O.  
Olivia B. M.  
Rachel F.  
Rafa R. P.  
Roxy G.  
Sullivan B.  
Walker C.  
William J.  
Yan A.

AMELIA M.

## **Ode to Monsters and Space**

A monster in space is a black glowing giant  
that lives in a dark cave.

In space, the monster is a glowing black  
monster that explores  
all the other planets in space that astronauts  
have not discovered yet  
and makes friends with other monsters  
and aliens  
and become their best friend.

## **Things to Do If You Are In Space**

Play with me,  
I am space,  
there is no bigger place.

Give me a place to grow  
my beautiful garden.

Space, play with my dog Space,  
there is no better dog  
than this space.

Run with me, Space,  
there is no better place  
to have a race.

Jump with me, Space,  
there is no better place  
to jump and grace.

CHUCK C.

## **Things to Do if You Are Fire**

You burn away the snow.

You light up dark places.

You bring warmth and happiness to all.

You have many uses to Earth.

Thank you, fire, thank you.

You make us very happy.

You pull alight.

You can burn forests and towns.

You can be used to make torches to light up caves.

Thank you, fire, thank you.

You are used for many ways.

The wind will blow you out

but you will bring happiness and warmth

no matter what.

Thank you, fire, thank you.

You will always lead the way forever

## **Video Games**

I am the video game controller that people play

I am the TV where people watch  
and play video games.

I am a TV that plays your favorite shows.  
I remember them

I am a banana sitting on a window sill watching TV.

I am the phone that plays your favorite songs.

I am the computer where you look up funny videos.

I am just myself.  
I am me. Just me.

DAGNY D.

### **Ode to Horses**

A black horse  
gallops as fast as lightning  
mane and tail flying.

### **Things to Do If You Are a Phoenix**

Fly down from the sun  
and give warmth to the earth  
and people and the sea,  
the plants, the animals.

### **The Things I am**

I am the horse that runs on the clouds.  
I am the dark cloud the roars.  
I am the lightning that strikes the grass.  
I am the wolf that makes the storms.  
I am the phoenix that makes the fire.  
I am the phoenix.  
With my tears I can heal.  
I am the tiger that controls fear.

DAVID L.

## **Ode to my lunch**

You're the one  
that is delicious  
to me.

My lunch has lime and spice chips  
and I can eat this everyday.

## **Things to Do if You Are the Sky**

Splat the clouds on the sky.  
The sky gives light to the earth.

## **The Rainbow Thunder Fun**

I am the rainbow on the lake.  
I am the thunder on the ground.  
I am the one that makes the fun.  
I am David.

EITAN S.

## **The Deep Wind**

I am a bird flowing through the wind.

I am the hurricane that brings us down.

I am a leopard that runs in the forest.

I am a bird that flies through the cliffs.

I am a car that blazes on the highway.

I am a poet, I am a poet that writes through the wind.

I am the thunder that strikes us down.

I am the numbers that count to a hundred.

I am the lava that flows beneath us.

## **Things to Do If You Are New York City**

I am the fiery breath that kills New York City.

I am New York City  
with hundreds of people.

I am New York City. I am New York City.

I am New York City  
with the smelly garbage truck.

I am New York City  
with the Hudson river.

I am New York City

with the rush hour traffic.  
I am New York City  
with hundreds of schools.  
I am New York City  
with thousands of children.  
I am New York City  
with the shining East River.  
I am New York City  
with five shining burroughs.

ELIAS M. R.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Warbler**

Flit through the canopy.  
Skulk on the ground.  
Grab an inching inchworm.  
Check for hiding aphids.  
Fly south for the winter.

Fly north for the summer.  
Have chicks!  
Move quickly when a hawk is near!

## **Barn Owl**

The night is quiet as the barn owl  
flies slowly over the dark field  
cast in a nearly endless shadow.  
The light of the full moon reflects  
off the seemingly lifeless grass.  
The owl's slow and short wingbeats  
are quieter than a mouse.  
It's face is like a radar, funneling sound.  
It's eyes are like mini telescopes.  
The owl keeps flying.

Silently.

It pounces onto  
a bare patch of ground.

A mouse!

It lets out a ghostly screech.

I am never going to be able  
to fly like an owl.

GUS L.

## **Ode to My Food and Water**

I love food so much because  
it is so yummy and I would  
not survive. Water especially  
because it tastes like nothing  
and it is good for you  
and I drink it all the time.  
When I use a yellow water bottle  
I think of corn.

## **Things to Do If You Are in Jupiter**

We can be the first one  
on Mars and float with no gravity  
and jump really high on the planets.  
Be in a rocket ship  
and press all the buttons  
and see it explode.  
Be the first one on Jupiter  
and dance with the stars.  
See all of the suns.  
See all of the aliens,  
see if they are real.

INACIO M.

## **Untitled**

I am the one who gives life to the earth.

I am the light of the moon,  
shining down from above.

I am the eyes of the sky,  
looking from above.

INDIGO P. F.

## **Ode to Video Games**

Thank you, video games, for making me have fun.

Thank you for making us laugh.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, video games.

## **I am the Sun**

I am the sun that shines from above.

I am the rainbow horse that sings from the sky.

I am the building that gives shelter.

I am god who gives people life.

I am the blue dog that gives water.

I am the unicorn that pushes the waves.

I am the trees that give people air.

I am Pusheen, that makes people laugh.

I am the bird that gives people food.

I am electricity that makes people have fun.

I am the clouds that crash lighting on the streets.

I am a teacher that makes kids learn new things.

I am the bees that make honey.

I am butterflies that flutter in the wind.

I am the hummingbirds that sing a happy song.

I am the flowers that give nectar.

JULIETTE H. F.

## **Earth**

I am the kelp clustered by the sea.  
I am nature who hugs the land.  
I am the 4 seasons making the world spin.  
I am the leader of the monkeys.  
I am the garden of my heart.  
I am the complicated jaguar  
pouncing to get food.  
I am the loving big sister of Lucy.  
I am the land, rainbow, sea, and all emotions.  
I am the world.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Big Sister**

Don't throw any tantrums.  
Don't punch, kick, or hit  
or Daddy will pop! (Don't  
tell him I didn't warn you!)

Go to school, do your chores, listen to the song  
Evermore from beautiful and the beast.

Don't taunt or tease Lucy!  
If you do, I don't care,  
Nanny will spank you right there!

Mommy and daddy homing home,  
little sissy acting hissy  
throwing a fit!  
Don't hit her! Oh, oh! You did!  
You're getting grounded!  
Five minutes later, go to her room.  
Say sorry. Hug her. Say good night.  
Isn't being  
a big sister great?

KAHLIL C.

## **The Barking Dog**

I am the red dog barking.

I am the singing dog.

I am the green smart dog.

I am the crazy dog, ever.

I am the blue happy dog that licks people.

I am the brown dog who likes to play with people.

I am the black dog who's mad all the time.

I am the white dog that whispers,

the colorful dog that is calm.

I am the purple dog,

god of dogs.

## **Things to Do If You Are the Earth**

Dance with me, Earth,  
there is no bigger place.

Play with me Earth,  
not more time left.

Earth, run with me, you might fall.

Earth, turn to Spring  
or Summer.

Earth, give me sunlight.

Earth, race me, race me.

KAI S.

## **Ode to Red Ants**

I do not like red ants.

One: because they bite and they hurt a lot.

Two: they give you mosquitoes.

## **Things to Do if You Are Food**

I would be bought by stores. I would  
have a price. I would be eaten.

I will fall apart. I will be mixed  
up with other foods.

## **Untitled**

I am the silly one and the youngest in the family.

I am the one that makes things fun.

I am the one that makes the dog run  
to any window I open.

I am the one that always has fun.

KAYLEE R.

## **Untitled**

I am a happiness of a dog that says woof woof.  
I am the softness of dogs.  
I am a cat that's grumpy.  
I am a quiet cat that sleeps.

## **Things to Do if You Are Blue**

Blue draws on a paper  
and it loses its color.  
There's lots of blues.  
Thank you, blue.  
Blue says, "Don't pick me!!!!!"

## **Ode to my cat.**

My cat sleeps with me  
and she bites my feet  
because she likes things  
that move.  
I carry her  
and she bites me.  
NOOOOOOOOO!

MARQUISE B.

**Untitled**

The sky is blue, so  
God loves you.

**Untitled**

I am Marquise the beast of East Village  
I made the longhouse east.

I am the red sky thunder.

I am the brightness that Louise  
and Rebecca scream,  
“Do your work now!”

I am the positive kid  
that dances  
the backpack kid.

MAVIS R.

## **Things to Do If You Are the Ocean**

Crush, rumble on the sand.  
Give home and earth to fish.  
Dogs run and jump in the waves.  
Rumble on the reef.

## **Untitled**

I am a baby fox wandering in the mist.  
I am a panda under a smiling rainbow.  
I am a deer resting in the meadow.  
I am a raccoon hibernating in the winter  
in a deep hole.  
I am a squirrel eating acorns in the sunset.  
I am a monkey eating bananas in a tree.

MAX S.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Tree**

Times goes by  
day after day.  
Fall then winter  
then spring then summer.  
Keep on going every year.  
See the sun whispering  
his secret.

NICO C.

## **Things to Do If You Are Space**

If you are space, if you are space,  
you really have to interface.

Let the black holes suck up people  
even though it is illegal.

Let the sun shine down, let the belt  
go around this system of ours,  
let the flames dance in the night.

Let the planets circle  
around this big ball of light.

## **Ode to Subway Mice**

Subway mice, subway mice  
like little critters  
in the night,  
like little dust balls  
under my feet.

## **I Am a Ninja**

I am a shadow that lurks in the night.

I am a spy, but nobody knows.

I am the constructor of life.

I am the lightning  
that hits the tall buildings.

I am the stars  
that appear in the night.

I am a ninja with a sword  
sharp as glass.

I am the rope that ties the world together.

I am Nico.

OLIVE O.

## **Things to Do If You Are Summer**

Be the light that shines on the beach.  
Be the one who shines on the on, the sea.  
Shining down on the earth,  
as light as the blue sky,  
the sunshine of the summer  
lights the day of the  
wonderful summer.

## **The World**

I am the angel that drifts through the blue sky.  
I am the whale that drives through the sea.

I am the dancer that flies through the air.  
I am the dancer that leaps through the wind.

I am the one who spins off the earth.

I am the rainbow of earth.  
I am the sunshine of the earth.

OLIVIA B. M.

## **Things to Do If You Are Earth**

1. Look around space. Give names to each planet.

2. Look at all stars.

Which is the smallest?

Is it the sun?

3. Biggest planet, smallest planet.

I'm earth and I'm the best!

4. I have 80% of water and 20% of land.

Do other planets have that?

## **Bright Sky and Nature**

I am the bright sky and the blue ocean.

I am a puma that runs to hunt.

I am a bird that flies free through  
the blue and bright sky.

I am a blue, red, yellow, green crow.

I am a rainbow crow.

The animals that free, that's who I am.

I am a bird that sings in the morning,  
afternoon, and night.

## **Untitled**

The ocean waves to the moon at night  
and it gives it a present of cold wind.  
When it's day, it waves to the sun  
and gives it a present of hot wind.

RACHEL F.

## **Untitled**

The shining light so high above  
it's like a thousand diamonds.

I am a bunny so soft and fluffy,  
running in the lawn.

I am something.  
I don't know what,

but whatever I am,  
I am special.

## **Things to Do If You Are an Animal**

I am a dog playing in the meadow.  
I am a cat swaying my tail.  
I am the fluffy unicorn  
that is spraying my magic across the world.  
I am the horse running across the barn so fast.

RAFA R. P.

## **Things to Do If You Are the Sky**

Look down at all the citizens playing in the fields  
and families having picnics in the forest.

Look at how happy they are all,  
their big smiles.

It makes you happy just seeing  
all their smiles. It makes you happy.

## **Ode to My Dog**

My dog's name is Pearl.

I feel like I could just squeeze her  
sooooooo hard.

ROXY G.

## **Ode to Cereal**

I am the cool cereal  
that goes good with milk.

I am the Rice Krispies  
the size of a raindrop.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Flower**

Play with the sunlight  
shining down at you and me.

Be friends with the  
bees and birds.

Grow and dance with the grass  
and weeds.

Just grow.

Blow with the  
grass and trees.

Grow.

## SULLIVAN B.

### **Untitled**

I am the wind that blows the sails on ships.  
I am the cat that leaps across the field.  
I am Matilda, who tricks the Trunchbull.  
I am Sullivan again.  
I am a poet that writes words across the page.  
I am friends with Walker.  
I am the son of the person that made Binc.  
I am Sullivan again.  
Then, again, I'm nobody.

### **Things to Do if You are a Cat**

Don't get grumpy  
and scratch your owner,  
but be good and only use  
your paws to get a treat,  
and get pet on the back  
and maybe on the neck,  
then go lounge in your bed,  
then get up and stretch  
then eat, then lounge again  
then get up and eat.

WALKER C.

## **Things to Do If You Are Snow and Fire**

Make snowballs  
and chase them away.

Make more snowballs  
and do it today.

Melt, melt the snow.  
Thank you snow,  
but time to go.

## **The Sky Song**

I am the bird that floats in the sky.  
I am the cloud that scratches the water.  
I am the God that lives in the cloud.  
I am the sun that shines bright on the earth.  
I am the word that is on the page.  
I am myself.  
I am Walker, haha!

WILLIAM J.

## **Things to Do If You Are the Ocean**

I am the waves when I'm on the beach  
looking at the night sky.

I am clouds  
when the thunder is on the ocean sky.  
Waves and the ocean  
in the sand and in my  
heart when I am  
the thunder and the  
wonder of the thunder.

## **Heart of the Sky**

I am the thunder of heart.  
I feel like a heart when  
I am the wind and the sky.  
I am the wind on my scooter.  
I am the wind, and I travel  
on the sky and I feel  
like the sky.  
I am the clouds when I am  
the wonder and when I  
am the thunder.

YAN A.

## **The Mockingjay**

I am a soldier in the military.

I am Hunger Games champion.

I am powerful as a grenade.

## **Ode to David**

I like his new apartment.

He lets me have my own room.

He lets me see Air Play.

## Yadir's Class

Aiman N.  
Chloe P.  
Dakota V.  
Emmett S.  
Emmylou K.  
Harriet R.  
Hazel M.  
Isaac R.  
Jacob P.  
Kiki T.  
Lily K.  
Lola V.  
Luisa Jane G.  
Mioara F. D.  
Nathaniel L.  
Noam S.  
Oona M.  
Raphael L.  
Ruby H-S.  
Sasha K.  
Sebastian A.  
Sonia B.  
Sylvan G.  
Tenzin P.  
Tristan C.

AIMAN N.

## **Ode to Games**

Games make me happy  
when I'm in a dark scary forest.  
Games make me feel like a little happy poem.  
Games make my brain light up.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Tarantula**

Web. Web wildly in a forest.  
Bite with poisonous furious fangs.  
Crawl quietly on trees  
and prey for other animals.

## **The Happy Song**

I am a sun lighting up tall plants.  
I am a skeleton singing in the dead of light.  
I am a student that sings in happiness.  
I am a wolf firing up into the sky.  
I am a sleeper waiting to be alarmed.  
I am a fox hiding in the woods.  
I am water going through people's mouths.  
I am a poet that writes poetry.

CHLOE P.

## **Ode to Animals**

You are my favorite color dancing with me,  
dancing with me and the earth.

You are a call to mother nature,  
a call that can change the world.

You are my coat for inside my heart,  
the love that keeps me calm.

You are the thing that keeps me alive,  
keeps me going on.

## **So Many Things**

I am fresh sage blowing in the wind.  
I am a peacemaker who wants everyone to win.  
I am green grass growing so tall.  
I am two friends playing catch with a ball.  
I am the apple as it falls from the tree.  
I am a friend so please come with me.  
I am the leaves as they dance with the wind.  
I am so many, doing so many things.

DAKOTA V.

## **Ode to Mom**

Mom is the sun that lights me up.  
She is the page that makes me colorful  
when I'm sad.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Cat**

You sleep and sleep and sleep and  
you eat and eat and eat and eat  
until you get fat, cat.

## **Untitled**

I am a unicorn flying in the sky.  
I am a cat running on the grass.  
I am the sun and the moon that shines bright.  
I am beautiful like the stars and moon.

EMMETT S.

## **Ode to Games**

First, you are a blinding screen,  
but, then, when the color floods into my brain,  
I feel very happy,  
and when I play the games  
the way my fingers move  
just makes my eyes  
fixed to the screen  
like a snake, never blinking,  
not getting distracted.  
I never want to stop,  
like a fox with his food,  
safe, lying on my bed,  
hunting for new levels  
like a bear hunting for his prey.  
But, when it's time to give it to my dad,  
I listen  
and give it to you.

## **Things To Do If You Are a Worm**

Make a tunnel that is round  
and sit in there

safe from rain and sun  
and come up when it's damp.  
Gather food and stuff  
you need, and then  
go back inside,  
and stay inside all winter long  
where you are warm and safe  
and you can hide.

## **Surfing**

I am a surfboard, taming the ocean.  
I ride the waves that have not been ridden.  
I am soaring through the sky on a big wave  
with the wind behind me,  
the land in front of me,  
and the water below me.  
I am a board crashing into the warm sand.  
I am a wave breaking in mid-air  
and soaking everything in my path.  
I will not sink.  
I will crash.  
I will not fall,  
I will float.

EMMYLOU K.

## **Ode to my bed**

My bed is a person to comfort me  
when I'm tired and it feels like I'm sinking  
in a pool of pillows  
in a countryside in Spring  
with an old friend by my side.  
My bed is there when I cry  
in its big sheets of comfort.

## **Things To Do If You Are a Potato Chip**

Lay and watch TV in your cozy bag.  
Let people crunch your feelings.  
Open your window to see the sun.  
Chill in a building with your friends.  
Love and enjoy how you will move to a bigger house.  
Crack up on the sidewalk.  
Meet new people and miss your lovely buddies.

HARRIET R.

## **Ode to Rocks**

A rock is like the earth:  
big and round.

A rock is like a tomato:  
big and juicy.

A rock is like a face:  
very important.

A rock is like an O  
that you couldn't write without.

A rock is like a potato:  
good to eat.

A rock is like an eraser:  
good if you make mistakes.

A rock is like salt:  
good and flavorful.

A rock is like a zero:

without it, no more equations!

A rock is like a ball:  
good to play with.

### **Things to Do If You Are a Leaf**

Lean from side to side.  
Leap and fall to the ground.  
Jump, soar, take a leap  
to catch the wind.  
Grab the wind.  
Leap to make a good piece of art.  
Super sweet like a tart.

### **A Poem**

A poem is like a strawberry cake  
with a lot of details  
that can make you happy.

A poem is like hot coffee  
waking you up.

A poem is like a hawk  
soaring high.

HAZEL M.

### **Ode to My Lost Tooth**

It is like a little person in my mouth  
that can not wait to come out of this ballroom.

Each is trying to go  
and they help my mouth  
until that gust of hope  
ends one little person's part  
and a new one comes to stay.

### **Things to Do If You a Poet**

Fly with your wind!  
Poems, slide in your snow.  
Poems, make your own Earth.  
In a poem full of why and when,  
then and there,  
a forest, a butterfly  
a bug, a flower of your own making.

ISAAC R.

### **Ode to My Coat**

Ode to my coat,  
for keeping my warm in the cold winter weather.  
It's like a piece of summer  
that has come to warm me.

### **Things to Do If You Are Jupiter**

Eat meteors flying through space.  
Tease smaller planets like Earth.  
Get teased by the sun, but don't feel bad  
you are fun, unlike the sun.

JACOB P.

## **Ode to Oranges**

Oranges, so juicy and sweet,  
so sweet I feel like a piece of cake.  
Oranges are bright and round  
like the moon in the sky.

### **I am...**

I am a lion, the high jungle king.  
I am a piece of cake, sweet as can be.  
I am an eagle, majestically flying  
through the clouds.  
I am a wind, going quick over the air.  
I am a bright sky on a summer day.  
I am a cloud, as white as can be,  
as white as can be.  
I am a human, a human with feelings.  
I am a human, you see. I can be  
like our community.

KIKI T.

## **Ode to the World**

Ode to the world because it's the planet  
that allows you to live  
that makes you happy.

Because the world feeds you and makes sure  
you can live a happy life.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Raccoon**

Steal food from a garbage can  
and bite your enemies with pride  
and scare them with your fangs.

## **Untitled**

I am the wind that blows in the trees  
and in the night I glow  
like the stars and the moon  
that inspire me to be who I want.

I am the light that shines in the stars  
that flies over the moon.

I have a soul that makes me brave.

I am beautiful like a rainbow that reflects  
in the water that glows as bright as the sun.

LILY K.

## **Ode to Unicorns**

Unicorns, magical creatures  
that almost no one has seen.

Even though I've seen one,  
no one believes me.

The unicorn is  
my awesome magical buddy.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Unicorn**

Fly in the magical cloud world.

Find a shiny unicorn pearl!

Have a cup of tea and cake.

It's so tasty, for goodness sake!

Have an ice cream with your friends.

Follow all the unicorn trends!

I am a unicorn lover.

Your mane could be any color!

Above the clouds you usually hover

and you could have a pet kawaii cucumber!

LOLA V.

## **Ode to My Heart**

My heart is what keeps me alive,  
and it is in the center of my body,  
and it controls every part.

It has control and cameras,  
so it can see every part.

## **My Dream**

I am the cold whispering wind  
in the Winter and Fall.

I am a scientist  
who is a brand new thing in the world.

I am a beautiful sight  
after the rain falls.

I am a cat who likes to chase mice  
and play with yarn.

LUISA JANE G.

## **Ode to America**

The day you were created,  
was like the world being born.  
You are as amazing as the galaxy,  
as beautiful as a field of flowers in spring,  
as wondrous, as magic as flying through the air.  
You are all these things, you see,  
and you are home to many communities.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Hummingbird**

Be a colorful rainbow of feathers.  
Flutter the day away.  
Have wings that you can't see.  
Collect the sweet sugary nectar.  
Pollinate the safe sweet flowers.

## **I am Me**

I am the gentle breeze  
flowing through the cool summer nights.

I am a playful baby bird on the edge of a branch

just learning to fly.

I am a shooting star racing through the sky  
waiting for someone to wish on me.

I am a baby flower bud in the beginning  
of the spring, starting to bloom.

MIOARA F. D.

## **Ode to Lily**

Lily is the best friend in the world.  
She is like fireworks in the sky.

## **Things to Do If You Are Slime**

Mix glue, detergent,  
and food coloring  
to make yourself alive.

## **Untitled**

I am a majestic unicorn  
flying from the clouds.

I am an eagle  
clawing at his prey.

NATHANIEL L.

### **Ode to Hot Dogs**

I love hot dogs with flamin' red ketchup.  
They taste like a meaty boiled sausage  
that I want to eat  
I gobble it up  
like it was a million feasts.

### **Things to Do if You are a Giant Squid**

Swim as much as you may,  
even if it swims to the end of the poem.  
If you want to, eat a big tuna fish  
and that would be a pleasant meal  
because it is a GIANT squid.

The squid is still swimming  
and my eyes are basketballs  
when even Stephen Curry  
is bouncing you up and down  
and he shoots and scores.  
The crowd goes wild because of you.  
That would be the life of a giant squid.  
And now, it finally stops.

NOAM S.

## **Ode to My Cats**

I would break a bone for you, cats.  
I love you, little, cute, black and white  
cookie tuxedo cats.  
You are like a sister to me.  
I will break my iPad for you.  
My cats are soft pillows  
for when I go to sleep at night.  
My cats make me feel better  
when it is raining like a thunderstorm.

## **I am**

I am a blackbird singing in the dead of night.  
I am as happy as a newborn chicken in the summer.  
I am the sun of my family  
when we are all watching movies.  
I am the galaxy and the world of my family.

OONA M.

## **Ode to My Pet**

They keep you company while you are bored,  
while your parents are working, and you have  
nothing to do.

They say it's good to be bored.

But I don't believe it.

They always save me from boredom  
like I'm hanging off a cliff, and they save me  
and pull me up,  
and bring me in the place of fun.

You always are a blast to play with.

Your fluffy fur makes me smile.

## **Things to Do If You Are Spring**

If you were spring,  
you would shoo away the cold freezing winter  
and bring the sunny spring  
and welcome the sweet spring air,  
have the flowers bloom and bring  
new furry animals into this world.

## **The World**

I am the purple sky looking down  
at the world, at the bluebirds  
flying in the wind.

I am the words flying through the blank page  
to make the blank page  
a piece of poetry.

I am a plant growing with youth  
sprouting day by day  
and growing to the sky.

I am a rainbow with bursting colors  
lighting up the gray dull sky,  
and I have a pot of gold  
with a leprechaun at the end of me.

RAPHAEL L.

## **Ode to Donuts**

Donuts have the sweet smell  
of a donut.

It burns in my mouth  
with all that sugar.

Sometimes it melts  
in your mouth.

## **Chicken**

I am a chicken running free  
on a nice sunny day.

I am a chicken playing basketball  
at Barclay Center.

I am a chicken having a cake  
and juicy pizza.

I am a chicken playing chicken  
in a basketball game.

RUBY H. S.

## **Ode to my hat**

My dad got me a new hat  
and boy did I like it.

It was like a warm steamed bun  
on a cold day.

Like fireworks on a super dark night.

Like super, super awesome.

## **Things to Do If You Are Rain**

Make big puddles for people to stomp in.  
Splish splash on the street!

Make some people go outside  
to say hello and meet.

## **I am**

I am happy as a starling, dipping and diving.

I am as crazy as the squirrels  
that steal from backpacks.

I am an emu in Antarctica  
making all the penguins  
say “huh?”

SASHA K.

## **Ode to the World**

Ode to the foxes  
that hunt in the land and frolic  
with the Autumn breeze.

Ode to the sun  
that wakes me up  
screaming, "Wake up you lazy sack of potatoes!"

Ode to poetry  
splattering a paint labeled imagination  
into the starry night sky.

Ode to the world  
that gives us feeling  
and walks us through the path of life.

Ode to every living thing.

## **Things to Do If You Are the Seasons**

Jump and play in the summertime breeze.  
Float up in the air.

Then melt into winter  
like a pile of broken ashes.

In time, we'll blow into the Fall breeze  
and sprout into summer  
like a growing child.

SEBASTIAN A.

### **Things to Do If You Are a Spy**

Sneak away and don't display  
unless you're there to have fun and games.

You wear a hat and a pack on your back  
and your success deserves a break-and-a-half.

### **Things to Do If You Are a Person With a Cat**

Come in and make a scratch on the couch.  
I don't care! Go catch a mouse, you  
say you're here to play with me  
but all you do is eat and sleep!  
You run, you hide, that's what I despise!  
You want to leave? Thanks, bye bye!

### **Ode to My Friends**

My friends are two knives sharpening my joy.  
They are many artists inspiring me to draw.  
They're like five souls helping  
when I'm sad.  
They really deserve a pat on the back.

SONIA B.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Leaf in Fall**

Float calmly to the ground.  
Let the wind fly you away.  
Lift into the breeze.  
Adventure awaits.

Relax on the ride.  
Take your time and have fun.

Grasp the moment.  
Enjoy the splendid view.

A storm of colors floats into the sky!

## **Ode to trees**

A tree is simple as can be,  
but if we went without them  
we could never be.

A tree is a man in a green and brown suit  
with a look of glee on his face.

Trees have the beauty  
of a thousand stars  
the flowers are something to see,  
they blossom with all  
of the colors of the rainbow!

And you prefer the cooling shade  
instead of the scorching sun.  
A tree will provide you with that.

Trees will build houses.  
They give fruit.  
There are joys in every tree.  
You just have to find them.

SYLVAN G.

### **Ode to My Shoes**

My shoes are protecting my feet  
from the hard asphalt.

### **Things to Do If You Are a Dog**

Chew on a bone  
while you wait for your owner.

### **I am**

I am a unicorn  
flying through the clouds.

TENZIN P.

### **Things to Do If You Are Spring**

If I were Spring,  
I would let the people smell the fresh air.  
And in Spring,  
I would make the windy breeze go everywhere.  
I love to see the people smile.

### **Ode to My Friend**

My friend is special to me.  
I love it when she smiles.  
She means a lot to me.  
When someone is being rude to her,  
I stand up for her.

TRISTAN C.

## **Ode to My Pets**

My tortoise is like a rock.  
My dog is like a cheetah.  
My pets are mammals,  
definitely not close to us.  
But they are still mammals like us.  
They are both friends of mine  
and we are all alive.

## **Things to Do if You are a Land Animal**

I fly in the wind or stand on the ground,  
eating meat or plants.

## **Animals**

I am a tiger ready for the next meal.  
I am an octopus grabbing the prey.  
I am a baby turtle hiding in the weeds.  
I am a grown up turtle now.  
I have a shell that is as hard as a boulder.  
I am a mouse running away from a snake and hiding.  
I am a blue claw (a type of lobster)

feeding on shrimps and tiny crabs.  
I am a lion roaring at anything.  
I am a cassowary (an extinct bird)  
that is for some reason still alive.

## Noelle & Tiffany's Class

Alison N.  
Annabel B.  
Brendan C.  
Carra W.  
Celestine C.  
Cerentha C.  
Cuin W.  
Edie W.  
Ellie H.  
Ethan P.  
Franke K.  
Harrison C.  
Jordan S.  
Julian Z.  
Liam O.  
Logan A.  
Lulu S.  
Momiji H.  
Niko C.  
Olivia S.  
Sabine P.  
Sadie H.  
Sebastian D.  
Seleah P.  
Vera L.

ALISON N.

### **Ode to My Cousin (Mechi)**

Thank you for getting in trouble  
to change your parents' mind  
so you could visit me in New York  
with Valen & Bauti. You are like  
the sun that wakes me up, like  
"Alisonga WAKE UPPPP."

### **Alison**

I am light that shimmers on the sea.  
I am the days that go by.  
I am the sun that dries us after a nice warm swim.  
I am the wig that flies off my head in the wind.  
I am the life of the fish who strolls around the sea.  
I am the cat who hisses at the dogs.  
I am the dog who barks at the cat.  
I am the fish that is scared of the cats.

ANNABEL B.

## **Ode to Nutmeg**

Nutmeg is like fire  
trying to escape the building.

She's like a baby bird  
trying to leave her nest  
only to find out  
she cannot survive.

Nutmeg's teeth are like two chainsaws  
chewing through anything I give her.

## **Who I am**

I am the feather that floats silently  
from the blue night sky.

I am the cricket chirping in the meadow.  
I am the water trickling  
down the waterfall.

I am the halo floating on  
the angels in heaven  
above.

I am an eagle soaring  
through the hot and  
dry desert.

I am the horse galloping  
on the plateau.

I am the writing from  
a true poet's hand.

I am the slippers people  
slip on for the night  
ball in the castle  
just above the road.

BRENDAN C.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Pencil**

Make sure nobody takes your soft pink hat.  
Watch out for sharp objects or you're gonna break.  
Make sure nobody follows your trail!  
Cross the road carefully and fast  
and make sure you don't get crushed.  
Grab a tiny snack from the grocery store.  
Swim in a big fountain and take a bath.  
Don't get sharpened too much.  
Use a pickle slice as a floaty  
and relax in the fountain.  
Make sure humans don't see you move.  
Sleep in a pencil box that humans are not using.

## **All About Fred and Ed**

I am Fred. I like to play in the rain.  
My brother is Ed. He likes things plain. Like plain pizza.  
I like to play in the rain all the time  
While my brother likes to rhyme,  
always on time.

CARRA W.

## **Ode to Ice Cream Chocolate**

Ice Cream. You are sweet and tasty,  
and the good kind, chocolatey, but not too much  
of bitterness. You don't run around  
going crazy like twin brothers. You  
are calm. Sitting on a cake cone or  
in a cup. You sit there still. Just like  
a deer that just got shot. But in  
my mouth you run down my red throat,  
down to my rumbling tummy as if  
your mother was waiting for you  
down there. And then the digesting  
happens.

## **Things to Do If You Are a Book**

Find a cover for your beautiful pages.  
Hope you won't get torn by a crazy pre-k'er.  
Go find a wonderful library.  
Hope someone will read you.  
Maybe someone scribbles  
on your beautiful pages  
and you will cry like a newborn baby.

If you catch on fire,  
find the nearest person,  
don't find the nearest water bucket.  
Hope you last for a looong time.  
Be grateful for your life.

CELESTINE C.

### **Ode to My Hat**

My hat keeps me warm  
Like my mom and dad  
both hugging my face!  
My hat has a white and blue pom pom.  
The white and blue pom pom  
makes me happy  
in cold winter.

### **Things to Do if You Are a Coat**

A big brown coat would  
hide in a black dark closet.  
It would wait and wait and wait  
for me to get it!

### **I am**

I am the sea slowly touching  
the hot sand.

I am a horse running  
in the wind by the big tall mountain.

I am a tree slowly moving  
side to side in wind.

I am the moon shining in the dark.

CERENTHA C.

## **Light**

I am the glittering pool of light  
forged by the full moon in the lake  
on a dark, dark night.

I am the twinkling stars in the sky,  
glowing so bright, though I'm  
not sure why.

I am the sparkling gems underground,  
some of them pointy and some  
of them round.

I am the small little pieces of light  
spread by the jungle leaves  
making it look like night.

CUIN W.

## **Things to Do if You Are Pluto**

Standing

900,000,000,000,000,000,000  
miles away from the earth.

Sitting there lonely.

Waiting for another planet  
like Neptune to join him,  
so he has to wait another  
900,000,000,000,000,000,000  
centuries.

## **Household Items**

I am a potato frying with the oil.

I am a sock sitting on someone's foot.

I am a washing machine ready to eat clothes.

I am an oven ready to make great food.

EDIE W.

## **Ode to My Friends**

Dear friends,  
When I miss you it hurts  
my heart like when you just  
fell off a 1,000,000 ft. slide.  
You help me rise up when  
I fall down.

## **Rain Forest**

I am the shimmering sun  
on a boiling summer day.

I am the loud pouring rain in the rainforest.

I am the nice, furry, cozy jacket  
on a freezing winter day.

I am the glowing, shining  
unicorn in a magical kingdom.

I am the nice, thoughtful friend  
helping out when

someone is falling down.

I am the loud, fun sounding music  
on a nice Fall day.

I am the shimmering sunrise  
on a dark night.

I am the sparkling, glowing diamond  
on an ultra-rare ring.

ELLIE H.

## **Things to Do if You Are Handsome Popcorn In a Movie Theater**

Buy popcorn, and don't eat it.

Wear it.

### **Ode to Friends**

Franke is the silliest clown,  
making me laugh.

Annabel is the cutest dog ever,  
waiting for chicken broth  
and dog food.

Sadie is Princess Leia  
waiting for Luke Skywalker.

Cara is a famous book,  
waiting to get looked at.

ETHAN P.

## **Untitled**

I am a pig who has a wig.  
I am a hog that eats fog for lunch.  
I am a bear that has no hair.  
I am a mug that has a rug.  
I am a man who has a head.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Bug**

Find and put on a moldy big coat  
and find a box to live in  
and then eat a moldy pickle  
the size of a book  
and then get in a car  
that is the size of a board.  
Drive the car to the fun toy store.  
Rob a pink bike  
and run away to the countryside.

FRANKE K.

## **Things to Do if You Are Fancy Popcorn at the Movie Theater**

Run, run, run, or you will be eaten  
with your beautiful accessories.

Dance your heart into someone's mouth,  
your death?

Enjoy the movie... just  
don't get EATEN! You are yummy!

Dance with the movie,  
with your accessories.

Love is with popcorn and accessories.

## **What If?**

What if I was the bacon and eggs  
hissing on the pan?

What if I was a Pegasus  
flying after a cloud?

What if I was the sun  
shining to sand.

What if I was the actor  
running to scene?

What if I was the pencil

wearing funky clothes?  
What if I was a peacock  
smelling the forest,  
showing off to friends?  
What if I was the glittering fish  
swimming to deep water?  
What if I was the tree  
waiting to be watered, to grow?  
What if I were tigers  
clutching their claws?  
What if I was a princess  
waiting to be inspired?  
What if I was a monster  
waiting to have a friend?  
What if I was a sock  
waiting to sweat?  
What if I was a hawk  
gliding to its nest?  
What if I was a pen  
scribbling to paper?  
Or a cloud  
hopping up to life?  
What if I was nice  
but very rude?  
What if I was a lizard  
floating like a feather.

HARRISON C.

## **I am**

I am a sizzling pizza being cooked  
in a frying pan.

I am a prowling fox  
in the shade.

I am a deer standing  
in the shade.

I am a fish glittering  
in the sun.

## **Ode to Fortnite**

Thank you, Fortnite,  
for occupying my time  
when I am bored.

Thank you for being my favorite game.

Thank you for letting  
me play you so often.

That is why you are my favorite game.

Thank you, fortnite. Thank you.

JORDAN S.

## **Ode to My Lunch**

To my lunch:  
you are like a raft  
to help me swim  
through a lake of water.  
You are a cup of water  
to help me drink.

## **The Cheetah**

I am the cheetah  
speeding through the wind.

I am the dots on the cheetah  
with the beautiful black.

I am the sharp teeth of the cheetah.

I am the cheetah  
in the tall grass, filled with life.

JULIAN Z.

## **Ode to My Dog**

Dear Roxy,  
You are as soft as a rug.  
You are fun to play with  
like a toy.  
I like it when you cuddle with me  
like a couch.  
I hope you never die.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Moldy Pickle**

Get rid of your mold.  
Bury it.  
Hide it in a graveyard.  
Make sure no one finds it.  
Guard it day and night.  
Get a break in the afternoon.  
Switch its buried spots.  
And guard it more.

## Ode to Summer

I love summer because it feels like  
I'm free.

I love summer because it is vacation  
time.

I love summer because I have a  
summer birthday  
(June 29th).

Summer is the best and it will never go.

I love summer.

LIAM O.

## **Ode to Homes**

Thank you, homes,  
for giving us shelter  
when it rains.

## **I am**

I am a cheetah running in the wind,  
playing with friends.

I am a lion looking for its prey in Africa.

I am a snow leopard  
running away from an avalanche.

I am a tiger looking for water  
in the wild jungle.

I am a cat at home  
waiting for food.

LOGAN A.

## **Code Blue**

Code blue is a heart attack.  
Code blue is now running  
away, and code blue isn't a heart attack.  
it is the teachers  
to help the kids.

## **I'm Calm**

I am a cheetah that is calm and focused  
I am a cheetah that is focused focused focused  
I am me

## **Ode to Hot Dogs**

People say hot dogs are so good  
they will love them.

Hot dogs are like a dog that is hot.  
My sis can eat 10 hot dogs or less

LULU S.

## **Ode to My Cat**

My cat is like a dog  
because he licks everything.  
He is like a panther  
attacking everything that goes.  
He is like a lazy cat  
sleeping every day and night.  
He attacks  
on everything I do  
and everything I have.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Cat**

It wears a furry coat  
with furry pants, with a tail,  
with some claws  
that are sharp as a knife.

It freaks out in the water  
like a fish that is out of the water.

It scratches the humans  
when it climbs up their pants.

It tears their pants.  
all the way to the tippy top.  
And when it's done  
it goes back down.  
The human pushes him down.

MOMIJI H.

## **Ode to a Tree**

A tree makes us breathe,  
and a tree is a girl  
with green curled hair  
and brown bark clothes.  
She likes being nice to everyone  
and she says hi to everyone.  
Everyone says hi back to the girl.  
The girl dances around the park,  
and she goes around the park singing  
and being happy.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Unicorn**

A little girl with rainbow clothes.  
With her shoes, she makes a sound like this:  
\*clip cop.\*  
You go away to a magical land  
where everyone is happy and  
she has a horn that will blind you  
and wind in your hair like  
some little human braiding your hair.

NIKO C.

## **Ode to Hands**

My hands are strong while I'm playing  
my controller.

My hands are smooth  
slowly rubbing my arm.

My hands cry  
when I wash them.

## **The Sea**

I am the shark that flows  
in the sea.

I am the bird that flies  
soaring through the sky.

I am the god who watches  
over Mother Earth.

I am the horse that runs  
free in the sunset.

I am the feather that  
flows in the wind.

I am as cold  
as the top of the earth.

I am as loving as my heart.

I am as hot as fire  
flowing in the wind.

OLIVIA S.

**I am**

I am a blackbird floating  
in the dusk.

I am the blind dog finding  
its path in the dark.

I am a wolf howling  
at the shimmering blue moon.

I am the one that helps the baby birds  
that go down,  
but I am going up.

I am a shiny rainbow peacock shimmering  
on the edge of a lake.

I am the squirrel that scrams with fear  
from a child of laughter.

## Ode to My Favorite Food

Dear favorite food,  
sometimes when we go out  
for Japanese food, I will mostly  
all the time pick you,  
and when I do, guess what,  
I talk to you. How beautiful you are,  
and how, I think, how so delicious you are.  
We talk all dinner  
until I have to leave  
and I take the last bite  
then I say, "You're my favorite food."

SABINE P.

### **Ode to an Orange**

Oh, an orange, a delicious fruit,  
which you can bite in like air,  
which you can suck on until it is  
nothing and it just goes down  
your throat with a delicious taste.  
Yum yum.

### **Things to Do if You Are a Pickle**

A pickle was lying in a sauce  
like we were lying in the ocean.  
The pickle went to see  
his younger sibling, cucumber,  
and hide in a shoe of Susan's  
to try to not get eaten.  
Go into someone's mouth  
pickle, simple. "Yum yum,"  
said the person and the pickle  
is dead.

SADIE H.

## **Ode to Sushi**

Oh, sushi, you're so yummy,  
like I'm biting  
into a beautiful waterfall,  
like I'm looking  
at the leaves in Fall,  
like I'm singing,  
not caring that people  
are looking. Sushi,  
you are the greatest food  
there could ever be.  
Please, oh please,  
stay with me.  
You're like the sister  
I never had. Like the person  
I could never be.  
Like the friend  
I could never dream of.  
You make me feel free.  
You make me feel like  
I will always have a friend.

## Things to Do if You Are a Skateboard

If you were a skateboard  
you would be a girl  
that wears a red tank-top  
and black shorts,  
a lightning bolt hair clip  
in your yellow and blue hair.  
You would wear tall high-tops  
that are green and blue and white.  
You would ride around town  
on yourself and get a tattoo  
of a lightning bolt on your left butt cheek  
and be part of the lightning bolt gang.  
You would ride around looking cool  
but be very sweet.  
You would have a tattoo on your face.

SEBASTIAN D.

## **Ode to a Raisin**

Oh, raisin,  
you are like a rock.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Raisin**

I am a raisin  
I'm going to try to not get stomped on.  
I am a raisin flying to my brother.

SELEAH P.

## **Ode to Pets**

Pets are so cute and fluffy.  
You can make your superheroes  
that put underwear on their heads.  
Will they save people?  
His super power is freezing on people, but  
he saves the people and they  
thank him and have a celebration.

VERA L.

## **Things to Do if You Are a Dog**

Eat a dinner of dog food  
like a sea gobbling up rock.  
Wash it down with some water,  
shining water glinting in a water bowl.  
Walk around with your best friend.  
Find your favorite chew toy and chew.  
Smell smells like no one else.  
Find your favorite place to rest in the house.  
Hear sounds like no one else.

## **I am Something**

I am the sea  
glittering in the last light of day.

I am a moon  
shining on a silent sea.

I am a fish,  
scales shining,  
at the first light of day.

I am a blade of grass  
blowing in the wind.

I am a name lost  
in endless darkness  
of a black hole.

I am a world lost  
in the beginning of time.

I am a piece of paper  
lost in the endless space.

I am a story  
lost in history.