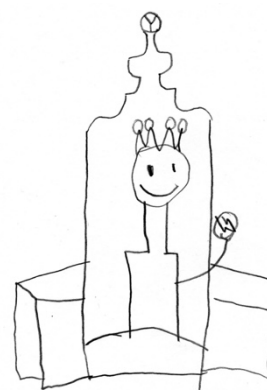


# The Queen of Quiet

An Anthology of Poetry  
by the Second-Grade Students  
of PS 51 M \* Elias Howe

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## Introduction

Welcome into the magical realm of *The Queen of Quiet*, an anthology of poetry by the talented second-grade poets of PS 51. Have you activated your imagination yet? Simply turn the invisible switch beside your eyes or invent your own method on the spot! The important thing is to remember that *anything* is possible in poetry, so when we read and write in this way, we give ourselves plenty of permission to play, to explore, and to imagine.

Like Abir Mondal, we can transform into “a golden ninja” and break dance our way to victory: “Shang! Dang! Bang!” We can join Olie Hickman at Piney Point Park in Florida to watch the quiet majesty of Sandhill Cranes: “when I glimpse you at 4:30 PM I see you blend into the sunset.” We can squish words together in celebration of spring weather like Mia Sornoza: “backflip-wow, poem-beautiful, swimsuit-fantastic.” And we can listen to the wisdom of Sophia Cedeno’s soul, reminding us to “BE STRONG, HAVE FUN!”

The title of this year’s anthology arrived while we were composing odes to our favorite animals. When I asked Nyla Vanterpool which animal she would choose, she quickly answered “wolf.” The she leaned a little closer and told me that she already had a line in mind: “Wolf, you are the queen of quiet.” I handed Nyla a piece of paper and asked her to begin writing without any further delay. When inspiration strikes, poets should pick up their pencils and proceed to the page pronto! Little did I know that other amazing lines would precede this one, such as Nyla’s captivating opening: “Wolf, your eyes look like the moon brightly poured in your eyes.”

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Matthew Burgess  
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POETRY





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Nyla Vanterpool  
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## Class Collaboration Poem

### Spring

It's spring  
when the world is  
    beach-tastic  
    Central Park-precisely  
    ice cream-luscious  
    flower-ful  
    grass-amazing  
    bunny-tacular  
    beach-credible

and we fill up water balloons  
                                SPLASH  
then we launch them  
                                ZOOM  
                                WHOOSH!

and in the evening  
we have a BBQ party  
    in California  
                                it's ice cream-tastic  
                                it's BBQ-tastic

Va a comer  
¡Bueno!

Gadir Algaithi

## **My Soul**

My soul is like a beautiful sun  
shimmering in the sky.

My soul is like a fluent song  
floating in the wind.

My soul is like an apple  
shimmering in the sun  
like a diamond. My soul,  
my soul is like a bird flying  
in the moon. I love my  
soul, soul, soul.

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

Quack over the river.  
Swim fast. Make a race,  
run fast to win: Go! Go! Go!  
Quack quack, play a game.  
Swim under water  
Quack quack quack  
Flap your wings.  
Sleep with your daddy ducks  
and have fun every day.  
Quack quack quack  
make funny noises like  
Quack quack quack



Ducks like quacking  
all around the world.  
Eat yummy food  
from the floor and  
make funny faces.

## **Spring**

It's spring when the sun is shining out  
for the sun people singing fluently  
from out of the window the stars  
are shining up high swimming splashing  
on the beach

tastic

light

magic

song

wee wee

wee

yummy ice cream

flower foosh

We love Spring!

Mohamed Bouklioua

## Poetry

Poetry is my life and  
my soul.

Poetry makes my  
secret dinosaur be  
awake. Poetry you can  
be anything. You can be my  
life, my soul  
EVEN

my incredible dinosaur.  
Poetry you make my eyes glow  
when I am writing  
POEMS.

Poetry why do you  
make me fall asleep?

Thank  
you  
for  
being  
there  
for me.

You can make me  
run for about 999,999,990 miles.

You  
are  
always

there  
for  
me. Thank  
you for being with me.  
When I am writing you  
I feel like I am

WRITING  
MYSELF.

Thank you,  
you are like  
my bro but you are  
not. You are better  
than my bro!

## **Things To Do If You Are A Piece of Water**

Make waves to hit people with.  
Make sharks go super fast!  
Make humans swim faster.  
Make floods and big white waves  
with white sparkles and some  
yellow, red, white, gold syrup.  
Put some gummy bears with rainbow stars  
and make the waves swish and splash  
like it's getting mega extreme! The waves  
go zooming through the universe  
around the sun and moon and earth.  
The sun and moon and earth are looking

at the water zooming through their bodies.  
They all said, "I want to be as fast as  
that piece of water." Then they landed  
right in the

SEA. Now  
they waved  
good-  
bye  
and went  
off to the  
deep deep side.

Cassidy Carlis

## Things to Do If You Are A Villain

Steal gold and diamonds  
and jewelry that costs  
one million dollars!  
Ka-ching! Ka-ching! Ka-ching!  
Take down princesses  
with your pet dragon!  
Take princesses powers  
and scepters all day  
and in the night, kidnap  
princesses. Ha ha ha ha ha!  
Take princesses to make sure  
the princesses do not get out!

"Aaaaaaaaahhhhh."

Take also the king and queen  
to make sure the princess  
will not get out of wherever  
you want the princess to be stuck  
and caught in. "Aaaaaaaa."

"No no no!" You can sound  
more evil after you take  
a prince or princess to a cage.  
"Aaaaaaaa." "Ha ha ha ha."

## My Secret Hideout

My hideout is in a flap  
on the floor in my home.  
To go in my hideout  
you have to go past my pet dragon.  
Then you have to go push a button  
over 1,000,000,000,000,000 numbers.  
Then you have to go past needles,  
my lion, my tiger, and then  
you have to push a button  
over 1,000,000,000,000,000 times  
from the number 1 and then  
you are in my secret hideout.  
Inside my hideout, the wall is black.  
I have poisons under my corner top.  
Good luck to you and me  
and if you touch the poison, you...  
Well, I do not want to tell you but good luck!  
"Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha  
ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha  
ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha."  
Good luck. "Ha ha ha!"

Sofia Cedeno

## My Soul

My soul is like a big shimmering moon  
eating cheese.

My soul is my cousin saying goodbye.  
"Goodbye!"

My

soul

keeps saying

"BE STRONG, HAVE FUN!"

My soul keeps going to a circus  
and it wants to dress up as a clown!

My soul  
and he is now is  
uncle one a  
it's my with big  
but ghosts. plump  
fun of  
having grass

My soul is my family but some died.  
My soul is a blue tree fighting  
for freedom!

My soul is a plant and it is going to try  
and not be gone forever.

"I'm a plant. I'm never gone!"

I'm a soul and I roam around  
and sing, "La la la dum dum dum."

I am a soul  
being August 28th

I'm a soul.  
You are a soul.  
Everyone's a soul.

Everyone's a soul.  
Everyone's a soul.

## **Freedom**

When Freedom stands up, the world shakes  
and everything is peaceful again.  
But when Freedom walks, everything falls apart.  
Freedom has a fire suit inside  
because when everything is not peaceful,  
his heart melts into pieces. When everything  
is free and people can do whatever,  
his heart becomes bigger and bigger.  
Freedom looks forward to seeing  
people have peace.  
Freedom is trying to find his way  
to a great place where they have freedom.



## Moon

I think the moon is a great big star  
always following you.

I think the moon is a balloon  
never going to be popped!

I think the moon is a big circle bulletin board  
with drawings of moons.

I think the moon is a white eraser waiting to be used.

I think the moon is a white tiger  
and it's using its teeth to eat the people  
who step on the moon.

I think the moon is a white board  
that has a moon drawing on it.

I think the moon is a bowl of milk  
and a cat is going to drink the bowl of milk.

I think the moon is a white wall getting painted  
by a painter and the color is blue like the sky.

I think the moon is a white taxi driving through the air  
and it's waiting for someone to get in.

I think the moon is a white trapezoid  
and it's turning into a unicorn.

I think the moon is a white hijab  
and it's waiting to be worn by someone.

I think the moon is a shark looking for prey.

I think the moon is a white pony  
using its horn to kill prey like Pegasus penguins.

Lois Chang

## **Hope**

Hope is a girl who grabs  
your wish in the night.  
When the moon is rising,  
she turns to angels.  
She has yellow hair.  
She wears a white dress  
with a yellow belt that shines  
and she can fly so far over the moon.  
and they never see her.  
She protects people  
when they are in danger.

## **Things To Do If You Are Snow**

You can drink hot cocoa  
and you can sled in the park  
and say "weeee."  
You can have snowball fights and have fun.  
Make snow angels.  
Go ice skating and go skiing  
or stay home or make a snowman  
that will be your friend.  
Or you can jump on the snow  
and have fun.

## Tasnim Choudhury

### **Peace**

Peace is a girl who thinks about people  
and also Peace is a girl who picks up trash.  
Peace is a girl who think about all her family.  
Peace is also a girl who gives money  
to homeless people.  
Peace is a girl who gives homeless people homes.  
Peace is also a girl who shares food with people.  
Peace is a girl who respects their family  
and their friends. Peace is a girl  
who plays with someone that is lonely.  
Peace is a girl that can be happy!

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

Fly over my house and see the whole world.  
Go to my nest and lay an egg.  
Go to a random place and poop there.  
See if people get food and give it to us.  
See if your baby comes out of the egg.  
See if you fall out of the nest.  
See if people try to scare you.  
See if some other bird is in my nest.  
See if I hatched an egg.  
See if somebody wants to eat me.  
See if somebody kills me.  
See if somebody wants me.

Frank Corrigan

## **The Moon**

The moon is a ball in space.  
The moon is a ball with stars.  
The moon is a cookie dipped in stars and milk.  
The moon is a door dipped in milk.  
The moon is a donut dipped in stars.  
I think the moon is smooth and soft.  
The moon is a paper dipped in space.

## **My Soul**

My soul is like my twin brother.  
My soul is like a vicious bird.  
My soul is like a seagull flying into  
a vicious dark dark cave.  
My soul is a sun that could take off  
and that could fly and shine bright  
like a dark dark dark dark spirit moon.  
My soul is a paper that has a hat.  
My soul is a bright star that is a wish.  
My soul is a wish that can come true.  
An awesome wish  
that can be real  
my whole life.

Justin Cruz

## **Spring**

It's  
    spring  
        when  
            the  
                world  
                    is  
                        flower-ful  
                        grass-mazing  
                        luncheon-best  
Me and my friends are  
playing in the park.

We play tag and  
ride our scooters. We play when the  
sun  
is out.  
It is  
very fun when it is spring.

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

Stay calm  
and listen to your master  
and don't get mad.  
Fight your crime–  
bad or good fight–

on top of a building.  
Hum hum ha ha ha.  
I'm a bad guy.

## **Ode to a Black Panther**

I see a black panther  
with the power of the eye.  
Black panther, you  
are strong like a beast.  
You have the power  
of the claw.  
Black panther, you  
have the power  
of hurting your prey.  
Black panther,  
you're serious  
like a beast.  
Black panther,  
you could  
climb trees.

Fatu Fofana

## Spring

It's spring  
when the world is  
grass-fantastic.  
Everywhere this world is lovely.  
This world is full of love.  
Sometimes people make mistakes  
but it's okay if you do.  
People have hearts every day.  
People have accidents with their car  
but kids make mistakes too.  
Sometimes when we eat  
we choke on some food  
but our friends save our life.  
Mistakes are just mistakes, see?  
Some people make mistakes  
with cars. Police cars have to come.  
You guys could get hurt like that.  
It hurts. But it is okay, people.

## Jimmy Ghanney

### **I Am**

I am the mystery of the sea.  
I am an ice bear blending in with the snow.  
I am the center of life  
because life goes up and down  
but at the end it turns around.  
I am an eagle flying across the world  
without sleeping.  
I am the galaxy turning around  
and finding more universes.  
Every threat might be scary  
but every threat might save your life.  
So every imagination you have is real.  
All you have to do is just look.

### **Things To Do If You Are America**

I like to be in America.  
Stuff is for free in America.  
Cars go zoom in America.  
I see a tree bloom in America.  
People are stomping in America.  
I scream in America.  
Eating a hot dog in America.  
Break dancing with my brothers in America.  
We call ourselves the Luxury Brothers in America.



It's the night in America.  
I'm so happy in America.  
It's my birthday in America.  
I get presents in America.  
Go to the park in America.  
Meet my teacher in America.  
Time to go to sleep in America.  
Next day in America  
it's the morning in America.  
Eating breakfast in America.  
Walking to the park in America.  
Go on the slide in America.  
It is really hot in America.  
My pants are on fire in America.  
It's finally cool in America.  
Going to school in America.  
Learning about plants in America.  
I got a dog in America.  
I will call him America!  
We both go to the pool in America.  
It's time to get out of the pool in America.  
My dog shakes in America.  
We sit down and rest in America.  
Time to go home in America.  
I grew a plant in America.  
Now, it's a tree in America.

## William Guerrero

### **My Soul**

My soul is like a football  
going boom  
    boom  
    boom.

My soul is like a man  
    who is  
    running  
    to go to  
    Africa.

My soul is like a  
    triangle  
    flipping  
    over to the  
    other  
    side.

My soul is as big as a  
    huge  
    moon  
    on  
    the  
    sun.

My soul is like basketball going to do  
    a slam  
    dunk  
and the crowd goes "Haaaaaaaaa!"

## **Things To Do If You Are Odell Beckham Jr.**

Catch the ball with one hand.

Run fast like a Lamborghini.

Score more touchdowns.

Break tackles.

Jump like Jordan.

Eye on the ball.

Do the whip in Norman's face.

Do not incomplete the ball.

Be the richest person in the world.

When the ball goes really far,

run for the ball

and catch the ball

to the make the touchdown

and make the whip

in Josh Norman's face.

Marissa Harris

## **In My Beautiful World**

I see one DJ. And I call him "Me J."  
I hear hip hop music in the air  
and I dance like I don't care.  
I taste cupcakes. I taste my mates.  
I taste a lot of music in the air.  
I touch a fluffy, fluffy carpet. It's green  
and so bright, so bright and so cuddly.  
I smell two vanilla and chocolate cakes.  
They are stacked together. It's so good.  
Ummm. It's really good!  
And I think to myself, what a beautiful world.  
I could stay here all night long  
only if I could.

## **My Soul**

My soul is like me being my future self.  
My soul is breaking myself out of a rainy rainbow.  
My soul is me being fall and falling in fall.  
My soul is me loving to swim  
and play with my puppy.  
My soul is me loving art.  
My soul is me leaving a cocoon  
and being a butterfly.  
My soul is living, a part inside of me.

London Rae Henderson

## **Things To Do If You Are A Puppy**

Ruff ruff, have belly rubs.

Stay up all night.

Play extreme puzzles with your parents.

Get dog walks for workouts.

Don't eat your vegetables.

Chase your tail and squirrels for two minutes.

No chores to do or homework.

You can chase a car and a big red ball.

I am a chihuahua and I love to eat hot dogs  
and best of all, a deep sleep all day.

## **I Am**

I am a two-colored cat

that is visiting the world

I am a crayon flying on someone's head.

I am a pencil writing a poem

that is good for someone to share.

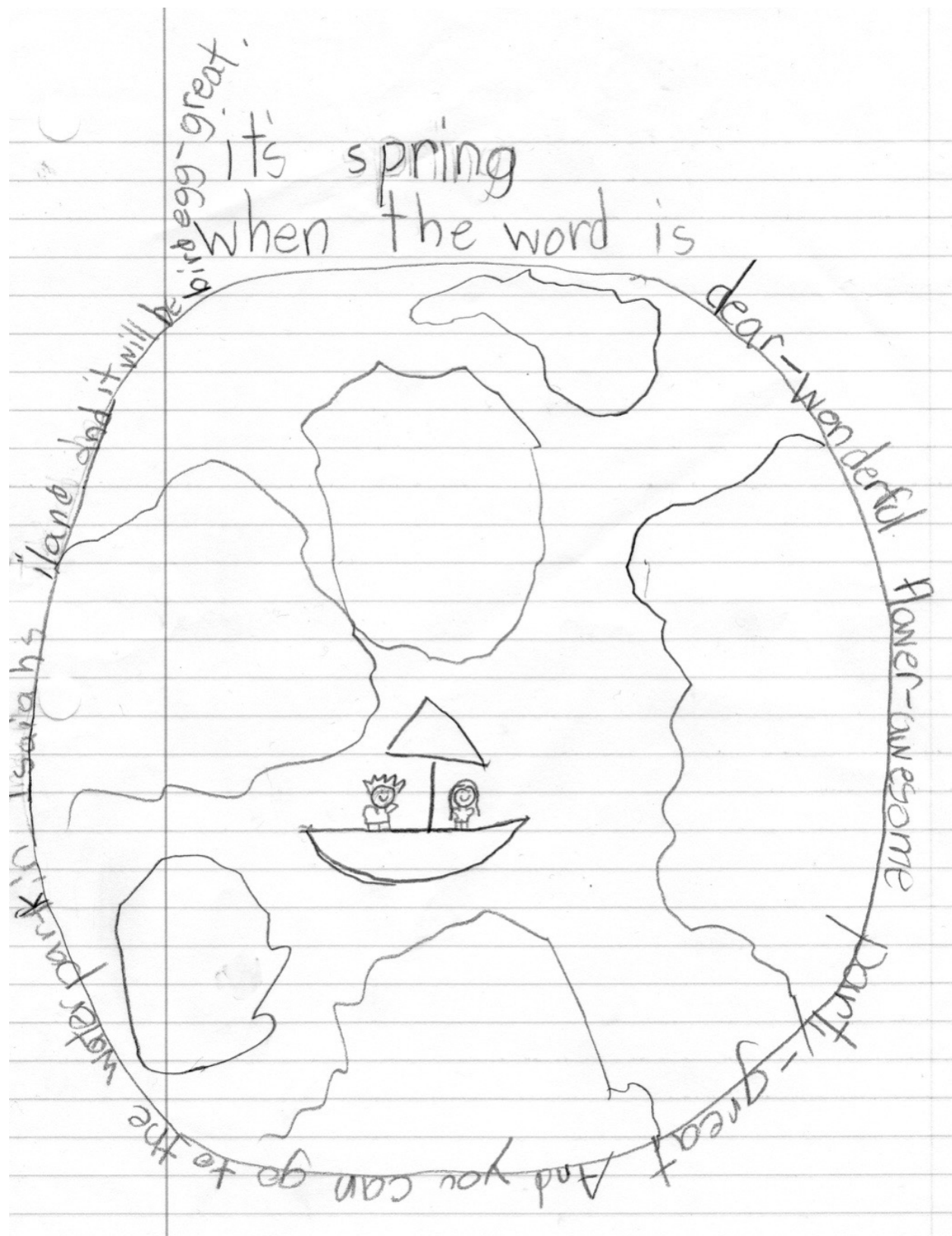
I am a pony trying to make good friends.

I am a person trying

to make the world a better place.

You see, I am a lot of things.

I stand, I sit. I can do anything.



Jayleen Herrera

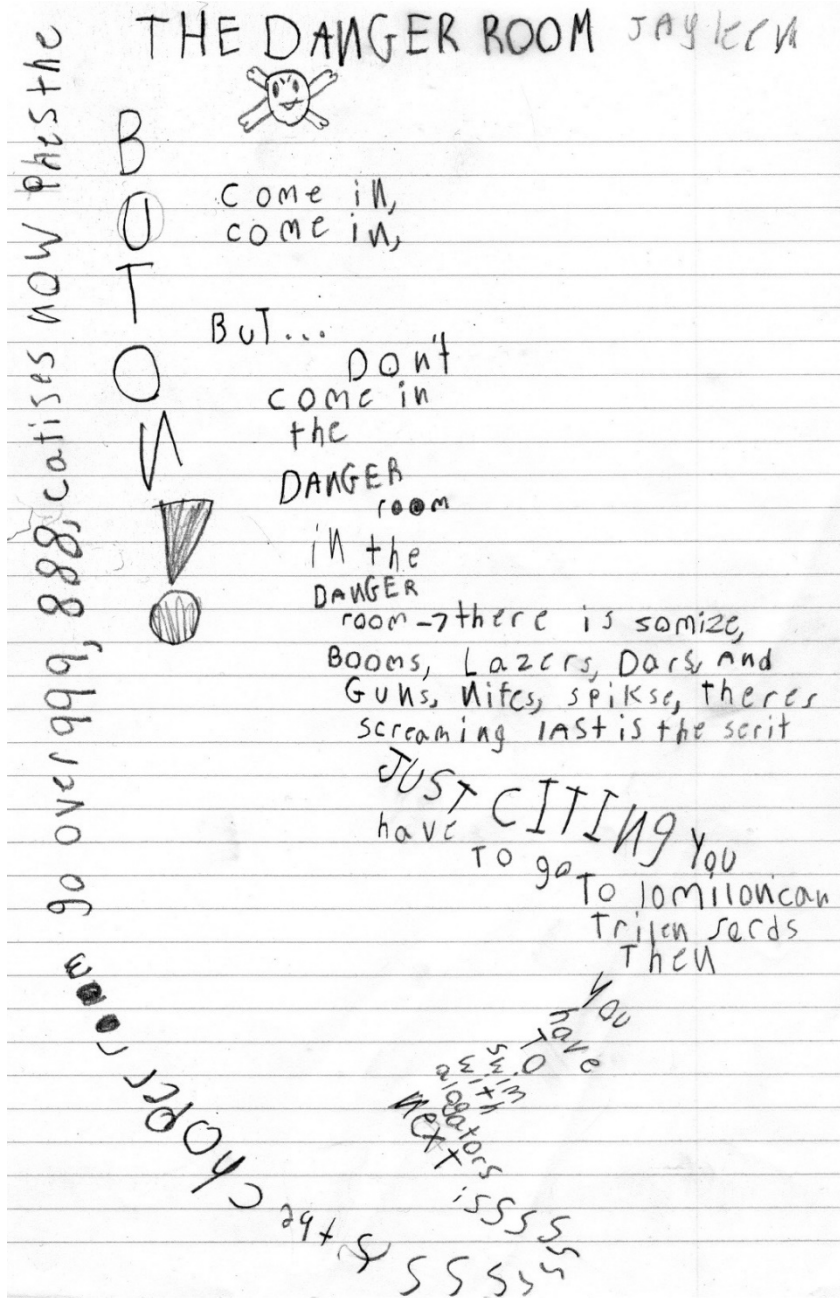
## **Things To Do If You Are NYC**

Bla, bla, bla, click, click, click,  
Too many people in Times Square.  
Bang, bang, buildings are surrounding me.  
Aaaaaaa! I'm stuck! Bang, creek, crash!  
Plop, agh. Uh oh, the window  
on the building is broken! Uummm.  
Weee ooo wee ooo! The police is here!  
Bang, click, vroom, vroom, nooo!  
It is the end of the world!  
BLA, BLA, BLA, BLA! Aaaa! Too noisy!  
What am I going to do? OMG,  
I see the key click, creak, I'm free!  
Yayyyy... Umm... Not what I expected  
to be but... I see the cops. AAAAA!  
Bang, click, no. The cops got the magic key.  
Great, now what am I going to do?  
Now I just do nothing. Hmmmm?

## **The Moon**

I think the moon is a white ball  
going to follow me everywhere I go.  
when I see the sun and the moon  
it's like a battle. The sun's power  
is to make light. The moon's power

is to make little balls so the sun  
bounces all the way to the sky.  
The moon might be powerful  
BUT... the sun is the winner!





Rachel Laguerre

## **Ode to Puppies**

Puppy, you  
only drink milk.  
Puppy, you  
are so playful.  
Puppy, you  
go on walks.  
Puppy, you  
don't like being  
alone.  
Puppy, you  
chase squirrels.

## **Spring**

It's spring when  
the world is  
sand-tastic  
Central Park-tacular  
deer-mazing  
bear-tastic.

Hailey Maldonado

## **Ode to Horses**

Horses, you have very beautiful eyes  
and your colors are wonderful.  
How do you fight?  
How do you gallop so fast?  
Why do you eat vegetables?  
Why do you live in a farm?  
You jump like a kangaroo.  
You have nice hair  
but the color is wonderful.  
You are the best horses  
because you are very beautiful.

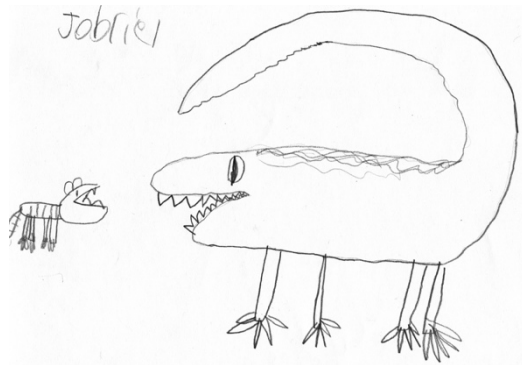
## **Things To Do If You Are Ice Cream**

Be cold on a sunny day.  
Melt in the bad days.  
Have a yummy day.  
I can be on a cup or a cone every day.  
I can be all different flavors.  
People will say "yummy" when I'm gone  
but don't worry because  
I will come back every day.  
Sometimes I don't like to be ice cream  
because people eat you and also you melt.  
I don't know why people like ice cream a lot.

## Jobriel Mercado

### The Moon

I see a white moon  
humming and waiting  
to see the sun come up.  
A white stone is  
rolling down the mountain.  
A white milk is coming  
out from a cow.  
A white pigeon is eating a worm.



### Things To Do If You Are A Frilled Lizard

Zoom zoom zoom!  
The frilled lizard runs fast  
so he doesn't get captured  
from a predator!  
A frilled lizard can climb a tree.  
And they eat bugs  
and they run faster than a rat.  
They have sharp claws.  
They are different than a lizard.  
They have sharp teeth.

Nusaiba Mian

## Ode to Owls

You can see  
in the darkness  
around you. You  
fly so fast people  
think it is wind.  
Who taught you  
how to fly? You  
are nice flyers.  
Do you practice?  
Where do you  
come from--  
Venus space forest?  
You are so adorable.  
Where are your  
parents? Were  
they killed?  
Who raised you?  
Tell me, tell me!  
How will you  
get food? Your  
"hoos" creep  
people to faint  
dead. How can  
you find things  
in the dark full



of predators?  
You are the  
awesome animal!

## **Poetry Acrostic**

Pumpkins jump through your eyes.  
Ode to love through your eyes  
    and hearts and flowers for love.  
Eyes with vision and laser of volcanoes  
    shoot through your eyes.  
Throw the evil out of you!  
Ruin everything with your eyes.  
You fly like butterflies in thunder!

Abir Mondal

## **Ode to Snakes**

In your shining  
bright fangs I see  
within you. I see  
a long sharp sword.  
Tell me everything.  
I know you have  
secrets.

I think you are  
a stick slithering  
in water. In your  
green eyes I see  
you hunting prey.  
Within you I see  
a jungle of snakes.

SSS SSS SSS

Chomp! Why do you  
say SSS SSS SSS  
SSS SSS.

## **Things To Do If You Are A Ninja**

If you're a ninja, throw your shurikens!  
Shang! Dang! Bang!  
And just steal a gem then break dance!  
Why throw shurikens when you have a saber

and don't fight your way to victory.  
Break dance your way to victory.  
Can't get gear? Then just get diamonds  
to make diamond gear and a diamond sword.  
Need shurikens? Then get gold  
to make golden shurikens.  
If you're a ninja, break dance  
and fight to embarrass your enemies.  
If you want to be a ninja  
then become the golden ninja  
with golden weapons and golden gear.

## **Poetry, Tell Me**

Poetry, why are you so cool?  
Ode to you, poetry bro.  
Everything you see, everything I see.  
Tell me your imagination,  
    tell me your God that I seek.  
Really though, that's how amazing you are.  
You are my life, you are my god.

Tell me everything,  
Everything you have, I have  
Low fright, more might  
Less or more is a gourd

More stories, less talking  
Everything, tell me everything.

## Ginette Payano

### Love

Love is a girl.  
The girl has brown eyes  
and she has pink hair.  
She has a purple  
and red dress that is lovely.  
and she likes to go shopping  
for dresses and candy.  
She really wants all of the candy  
like gums and Hershey's  
and what she likes to do for fun is have fun.

### Cookie

I think the moon is a cookie  
because it is a sphere  
but the moon is big  
and the cookie is little and it has dots.  
But the moon is not sweet  
but the cookie is sweet.  
The moon is not sweet  
because it is a moon  
but they look the same  
because they just look like the same.  
So do you know now?



Will Penning

## Poetry

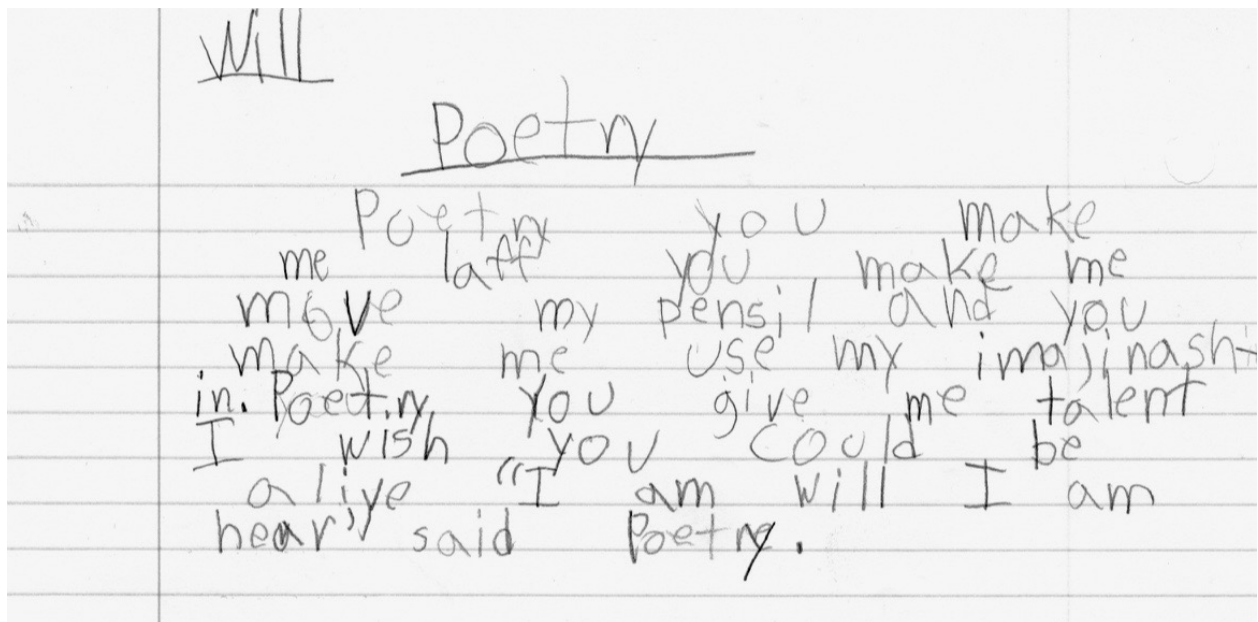
Poetry, you make me laugh every day.  
You make me move my pencil  
and you make me use my imagination.  
Poetry, you give me talent.  
I wish you could be alive.  
"I am, Will. I am here," said Poetry.

## Things To Do If You Are a Dragon

Steal gold from everybody you can  
and then sleep on it for 400 years  
and then wake up and fly away  
and lay your eggs and find  
a new home on Mount Everest  
and if people come spray fire at them  
"Roar roar" "Aaaa Aaaa" and they run away  
like a scared chicken and scream "AAAAA."  
Then set a city on fire  
and then go to the capital city  
and spray fire on all the big buildings  
and then knock down all  
the famous buildings in that city  
and then go to France and then go  
to all those different places and do the same.

## Hope

Hope is a boy  
who likes to wear a white tuxedo  
that turns green  
on a full moon night  
and a body that can turn  
into anything you want.  
He usually uses it to play music  
when he goes to sleep.  
When he has time  
he likes to go on runs  
so fast like the Flash  
across the galaxy  
in his spare time.



## Mariano Ramirez

### **My Soul**

My soul is a solar system in a black hole of doom!  
My soul is a ninja who cuts wood.  
My soul is a pup who is digging out a ball.  
My soul is a bat flying in a dark cave.  
My soul is surfing on a wave.

### **Poetry**

Poetry, you are my soul in my eyes in my heart.  
Oh poetry, you are my heart in my soul.  
Earth is my soul in a mysterious world.  
Trading my heart with yours.  
Ready to open the mysterious box  
    in the mysterious world.  
Your heart is mine in yours.

### **Joy**

Joy is a boy with blue eyes.  
He wears a silver sweater and has tan skin.  
Joy likes to watch the Lego Batman movie  
while eating spaghetti.

## Spring

It's spring when the world is  
lovely-luscious beautiful-credible  
amazing-ful ice cream-luscious  
world-field flower-mazing  
animal-happiness bee-mazing  
graceful flower-shine.

It's also spring when you run  
around the sunshine happily  
and when you go to the park  
every day grass-mazingly  
going "yay" every day  
and playing with other  
people if you want  
and go out and have fun  
do not care what people  
say you can say in an  
amazing excited brilliant  
way and you can see  
the flowers running  
around the place  
anywhere they want  
super-mazingly  
fantastically and you  
can run wherever  
YOU WANT! ZOOM!

## In My Secret Hideout

To get there you have to get  
bitten by a wolf then you have  
to pet a bear until they like you  
then you have to scratch an alligator  
and make sure they do not follow  
you then you are at my hideout but  
you have to pass a passcode and you  
only have one try but inside my hideout  
there is a magic wall if you go in it  
you see a PARTY with cake and you get  
to do everything you want but then you go out  
the magic wall but before you go out  
you have a

## PARTY

but when you go back out of the magic wall  
you are still in my hideout. Also in my hideout  
there is lots of pizza and also you get your own  
laptop, phone, iPad, and also you get your own  
bike but you have to leave that is the one rule  
and if you do not go out you die and in my  
secret hideout you have to be a certain height.

## Emerson Reyes

### Ode to a Parrot

Parrot, parrot,  
where did you come  
from? Heaven or  
the center of the earth?  
Also, how are you a  
colorful angel in the sky?  
You are a human  
escaping from the woods.  
You are a soul running  
from hot water. You  
are a diamond, Parrot,  
making everything  
lighter. You are  
a golden eagle  
making justice for all  
and making a war.  
Parrot, parrot, are  
you powerful or weak  
or are you beautiful,  
or a god that's nice  
to others or a freedom  
that never ends  
or a band of powerful  
music or justice or  
a rainbow or a heart?

## Spring

In spring it is fantastic  
and exciting because in Mexico you can

do

a

BBQ

party

and

eat salsa and beef in the  
nice weather and

I say

*vamos*

come on

friends

it's a

sunny

day

we can do anything

it is wonderful

outside it is

89 degrees

Astrid Roemer

# The Moon

I think the moon is a little silver girl  
dancing in the sky.  
Maybe it is a circle of  
white cinnamon milk  
or it is a white banana floating  
in space. It would also be  
some floating silver unicorns.  
Or it is a silver clip  
trying to work.

# My Soul

My soul is a marble rolling  
down  
the  
sun!

My soul loves me and I love  
my soul.

My soul is a fashionable model.  
My soul is mine even when I am  
in  
the  
sky.

My soul will always be mine even  
in the future.



I love my soul even when I am away.

My soul is a fire bringing hot  
flames.

My soul is a golden person.

My soul is a rainbow shining everywhere.

My soul is a shiny unicorn flying in the sky.

## Isaiah Sepulveda

### **Fear**

Fear is a boy with green hair  
holding a girl's hand.  
Fear scares the birds away.  
Fear is like lightning jumping down from clouds.  
Fear is an ice cream cone serving ice cream.  
Fear is a robot squirting out clothes.  
Fear is the world to me.

### **With My Third Eye**

I see flying cars flying to an orange galaxy.  
I see a gold window trying to get off a bridge.  
I see the end of the world.  
I see fireworks shooting out water on my birthday.  
I see god making babies.  
I see cars parking in the sky.  
I see birds eating books.  
I see chairs ripping paper.  
I see swords laying on the driveway.  
I see a rope eating the world.  
I see a shooting star coming from Mars.

## Poetry

Poetry, you don't know when to let me go.  
When do I let you go?  
Poetry, you are my father, but even more.  
You are the magical future.  
Poetry, what are you?  
Are you the future of words?  
Yes Poetry,  
Yes Poetry,  
Yes, you are.

Leonardo Soares

## **Ode to an Eagle**

You are a beautiful bird  
flying in the sky. You  
are a mysterious creature  
that no one knows  
how you are flying in the sky.  
To me you're the bird  
that I always wish  
to fly with. I love eagles.  
I am just like you. We  
are alike! I like you  
because you are the bravest  
bird in the galaxy.  
You are the one.  
Where are you from?  
Are you from the moon  
or the sun? You came  
flaming hot and went  
all the way to the other  
side of the world.  
Where are you now?  
Are you there, are  
you here, or there?  
Are you in Las Vegas,  
North Pole, Brazil,  
Africa, China, or here?

Where are you?  
You are my only wish  
with a marvelous bird,  
stronger than every  
bird. I love eagles,  
they're the best,  
so brave, the coolest  
bird ever. I wish  
we were friends  
forever!

## **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is  
in the North Pole in a cave.  
In the secret hideout,  
I only have an iPad and three dogs  
and a machine and a pool with a hot tub.  
You only get there by putting my code in  
and with arrows of fire and stinky bombs.  
In my secret hideout only babies  
Isaiah and Mohamed will go in the secret hideout.  
Also, I will destroy it if someone breaks it,  
so don't do it please.

Zoran Sredoiev

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

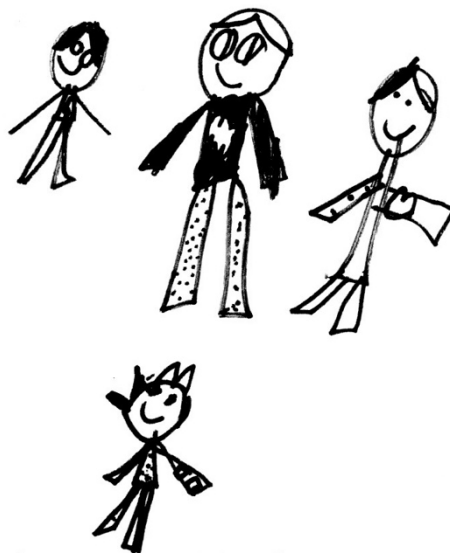
I'm going to fly in space  
and I am going to have a race in space  
with a lot of aliens  
and I am going to win  
and I am going to fight with aliens  
and I will invite them to my birthday  
and I am going to let them ride my spaceship  
and we are going to eat alien ice cream.

## **Joy**

Joy is a boy.  
He has blonde hair.  
He has green eyes.  
He is wearing a black shirt.  
He has a fire picture on his shirt  
and he is wearing white glittery pants.  
He wants three friends.  
The friends are all boys  
and they are wearing cool clothes.  
He likes to breakdance  
and he dances the moon walk for fun.  
He lives in a building called Main Street in New York  
and he loves taking pictures.

## Sun

When it is turning dark  
the moon comes down  
and when it turns lighter  
the sun comes. The people  
who are living in the sun,  
they have floating fire hair.  
It's yellow and orange and red.  
My sun is looking for water  
because he's hot and sweaty.  
He's wearing fire pants  
and a fire t-shirt and a fire hat.  
He lives in the clouds.  
He has 100 clouds.  
He likes rain because  
he likes to get cooled down.



## Maya Subramanian

### **Things To Do If You Are A Tutu**

You twirl and whirl forever  
and get put back on.  
Then you twirl and whirl again.  
You can be pink or gold or bronze  
to silver to all of the colors you want.  
You twirl and whirl all over again.  
But then you get a new one.

### **The Moon**

The moon is a bowl of milk  
waiting for a cat and a dog  
to drink the milk all up.

The moon is a scoop of vanilla  
ice cream waiting for strawberry  
icing to be poured on top.

### **My Soul**

My soul is like snow falling down.  
The snow falls down from the Netherlands.  
My soul is a white star shimmering in the sunlight.  
My soul is a queen of volcanoes  
that have erupted 100,100 years ago.  
My soul is m ancestor of my father and mother.  
My soul is a faraway galaxy from outer space.



## Ode to Elephants

Oh elephants, how  
did you get so fat?  
Why do you spray  
spit water or mud?  
Your skin is as blue  
as a Sahara.  
You're turning pink  
as a pearl, the pinkish  
bluish sky fades away  
with the sun.  
Whoosh, whoosh,  
shiver, shiver.  
The sky's turning  
blue. Oh where  
did you come from?  
Outer space or  
the shimmering sky  
of mine. Your  
ears are big, you  
twinkle in the day,  
you shimmer in the  
night on elephants  
on a mountain,  
far away, you stand  
for freedom!



Gordon Tu

## **In My Wonderful World**

I see a surfboard on a shark on a wave  
and I am on the board!  
I hear waves going through waves  
making a swshhh sound.  
I taste chicken with ketchup and mustard.  
I touch a dragon and it feels  
like a bunch of burning scales.  
And I think to myself, "My life is great!"

## **Spring**

It's spring  
when the world is  
sneeze-credible in the North Pole  
and in the desert in Africa in Antarctica  
in Japan in Australia in Mexico and in  
space "AAAAAAAAAAAA"

## **Peace**

Some say Peace is fake  
but Peace says, "I am real"  
really loudly and says the legend  
is peace and is a god.

Nyla Vanterpool

## **Ode to Wolf**

Wolf, your eyes  
look like the moon  
brightly poured  
in your eyes. Wolf,  
your howl sounds  
like you are screaming  
for help. Tip-toe,  
tip-toe. Wolf, you are  
the queen of quiet.  
Tip-toe, tip-toe,  
tip-toe, tip-toe.  
Wolf, you are my  
lord in the deep  
blue sky. Wolf,  
you are so cute,  
strong, brave,  
and loud. You will  
always be my wolf!!!  
(my wolf)  
MY WOLF!!!  
(my wolf)  
MY WOLF!!!  
Yes, my wolf,  
my wolf, my wolf.  
(my wolf)

## The Moon and Sun

I think the moon is  
a big round piece of cheese.

I think the sun is  
a large yellow ball.

I think the moon is  
a wide portal to outer space.

I think the sun is  
two yellow icees  
stuck together.

I love the sun and moon.

Dum ditty dum ditty  
dum dum dum.

The moon is a shadow  
following me.

Dum ditty dum ditty  
dum dum dum.

The moon is all of that.

Dum ditty dum ditty  
dum dum dum.

Takiyah Jackson

## **Spring**

Spring is flower-mazing.  
Spring is animal-tastic.  
Spring is spring-mazing.

Spring is when  
the wind spins.

Spring is when  
the flowers grow.

Spring is when  
the flowers bloom.

Spring is flow-tastic.

Spring is when  
you can eat ice cream.

Spring is when  
you can have  
the best day.

## **My Soul**

My soul is a friend  
My soul is a bat  
My soul is a cat  
My soul is a fish  
My soul is a fat  
My soul is a dog  
My soul is a rainbow  
My soul is a birthday  
My soul is a flower  
My soul is a heart  
that is happy and mad

Ms. Chiu

## **I Am**

I am the mixed up Rubik's cube  
that isn't able to be solved.

I am a sun shower  
that can't make up its mind.

I am an empty cup  
waiting to be filled.

## **In My Wonderful World**

I see blossoming and bloomed flowers  
filling the empty land.

I hear whirling waves wandering onto the shore.

I taste sour strawberry strips  
squeezing my taste buds together  
to start a dance

I smell the crispy clean air  
like fresh folded laundry.

Ms. Pi

## **I Am**

I am a small mouse going on adventures  
all over New York City.

I am a big plane flying above clouds  
over mountains and oceans.

I am the rain that falls down from the sky  
creating puddles that get people wet.

I am the wave in an ocean dancing with the wind.

I am the washing machine that goes  
around and around and around getting dizzy.

I am the beat of my heart that  
reminds me

I am alive

I am alive

I am alive

## **Perfect Paradise**

I see faces of beauty filled with glee.

I hear contagious laughter echoing throughout.

I taste savory and spicy on my tongue  
before it travels down to my stomach.

I touch the soft and rough hands  
around me as we become one.

I smell the warmth and love of my family.

And I think to myself, our souls are in perfect paradise.



## Ms. Evarts' Class

Davi Clemente  
Haley Collado  
Bella Conigliaro  
Mason Florentino  
Mia Furby  
Amir Gumbs  
Aleeana Johnson  
Alexander Hickman  
Henry Hickman  
Olie Hickman  
Hannah Huntley  
Marquis Jacobs  
Christopher Jerzabeck  
Luna Jiang  
Hudson Johnson  
Umar Khan  
Angelica Lafferty  
Brooklynn Laury  
Leilany Luna  
Elisa Maggi  
Oliver Muir  
Evan Nusdorfer  
Daniyah Parsons  
Raifah Roha  
Bianca Soares  
Mia Sornoza  
Nikola Sredoiev  
Jordan Turner  
Shengyi Zhang  
Louisa Zhao  
Nawf-Baikel Al-Hashedi

## Class Collaboration Poem

### Spring

It's spring  
when the world is  
    ice cream-terrific  
    Nerf ball-fantastic  
    swimming pool-congratulations  
    bird-awesome  
    BBQ-A+  
    puppy-spectacular  
    picnic-perfect  
  
and we swim at the beach  
    splish  
        splash  
            splish  
and we backflip off the diving board  
    swoosh  
        swash  
            WEEEE!

Davi Clemente

## **Ode to Snakes**

Snakes are long like legs.  
Snakes are green like bushes.  
Snakes are big like Smartboards.  
Snakes live in forests with lions.  
Snakes eat mice.  
Snakes are fun like me.

## **My Soul**

My soul is a heart.  
My soul is a soccer ball.  
My soul is like a tiger.

Haley Collado

## **Love**

Love is a girl. There are pink and purple birds  
in a pattern flying around her,  
and red hearts in her hair,  
and her dress is red hearts,  
and her hearts are red and pink,  
and her hair is beautiful,  
and she is walking to the ocean,  
and her shoes are the most beautiful shoes  
in the whole wide world,  
and she walks in the beach,  
and puts her feet in the water,  
and she has a super, super,  
super beautiful crown.

## **Things To Do If You Are A Ballerina**

A ballerina dancing in the sky.  
She jumps up and twirls in the walls.  
She takes her hands up to her head.  
Her toes point, and her hair is a beautiful bun,  
and she has a beautiful tutu,  
and her shoes are magical, her shoes are sparkly,  
and she is a fashionable ballerina,  
and her name is Rose.

Bella Conigliaro

## **Moon**

I think the moon is a bitten cheese.  
I think the moon is a yellow donut  
with white sprinkles.  
I think the moon is a big cookie  
with white chocolate chips.  
I think the moon is a croissant  
with white glaze on top.  
I think the moon is a light bulb shining bright.  
I think the moon is a white  
sparkly ball that came from heaven.

## **Ode to Puppies**

Hello puppy!  
You are the softest animal  
in the universe.  
When puppies are  
happy they wag their  
tails and bark WOOF WOOF!  
You can run 6mph! Wow!  
When you are sleepy  
you curl up in  
a tiny, tiny, small ball.  
Puppies, I love you!



Mason Florentino

## **The Lightning**

I hear  
the  
lightning  
hitting  
the  
ground.  
The lightning  
zoom  
zooms!  
And it  
zigzag,  
zigzags.  
And  
the  
light  
is dark  
clouds,  
and  
the  
clouds  
are  
spooky.

## **If The World Was Crazy**

I would zoom to the classroom  
and my feet will get in fire.  
I will eat fiery food.  
I would be the king of fire.  
I have two pets, one  
is a fiery dragon  
and a fiery dinosaur!  
The universe is fire!  
My school is fire, and  
inside it has a lot of spikes.  
I would watch out, if I were you!  
I would also be super careful.



Mia Furby

## **In My Wonderful Family**

I see everybody holding hands  
skipping around the world.  
I hear people singing lala, tata, gaga, fafa.  
I taste ice cream flavored  
chocolate, vanilla, strawberry.  
I feel gum of happiness  
flavor bubble gum (pink).  
I smell lemon of happiness  
with strawberry moon.  
And I think to myself, I love the world.  
I love everyone!

## **My Soul**

My soul is like a code  
from a computer moving.  
My soul is like a binary code  
clicking pictures to move.  
My soul is like a computer  
being sent away with its code.  
My soul is like a computer,  
letters being transported on the screen.  
My soul is like a computer dying.

Amir Gumbs

### **If the World Was Crazy**

I would eat a chainsaw and a book.  
I would wear a book and chainsaw.  
I would kill a dinosaur.  
My pet will be a wolf.

### **Anger**

Anger is a boy  
with fire in his eyes.  
He wears a big black burning coat.

Alexander Hickman

## **If The World Was Crazy**

I would eat a George Washington pizza  
and extra-cheese pizza and tires.  
I would wear a shirt  
made of plastic bags and erasers  
with diamonds and little bits of macaroni.  
I would run the Stupid Orange™.  
My pet would be a pack of dogs  
who decided to run to the White House  
and eat Donald Trump!

## **It's Summer**

When the world is turtle-tastic!  
I love to jump-sprint in the  
super-sprint session sign!  
And Nate and Geralt and Bert  
come over and hang out!  
Bay waters are great for swimming!  
Yay, I might go up to a lame balloonman!  
I can wear cowboy boots! Maybe falling fish  
rains from the supersonic sky.  
Whee! Whee! Whee!

## I Am

I am a wildest horizon forbidden of Yonderville.  
I am the wild peaceful soul of Sitting Bull.  
I am sacred sights of the peak of Devil's Tower.  
I am the strongest Little Bighorn soldier.  
I am the monster under the bed.  
I am the heart of all the things that bloom and live  
on Earth and I hope they don't die ever.  
"We must protect Earth!"  
They yell. "And soon."  
I am the Universe.

Henry Hickman

## **Dinosaur**

Go, dinosaur, go  
smash rocks, smash blocks.

Go, dinosaur, go  
smash trees, smash fleas.

No, dinosaur, no  
don't smash me!

## **My Soul**

My soul is a dinosaur  
stomping by my side in the sun.

My soul is a polar bear  
bathing in the sun.

My soul is a cutie pie  
sitting on a desk at school.

My soul is a snake slithering on a tree.

My soul is a bracelet.

My soul is a fossil, found.

My soul is a bee that goes buzz.

## Things To Do If You Are A Dinosaur

Hatch in the nest.  
Eat lots of food.  
Stomp on the ground.  
Catch other dinos at night.  
Sleep for 12 hours.  
Run for a long time.  
Play with rocks.  
Jump on stones.  
Hunt with parents.  
Slap a tree at 4:00.  
Look all around.  
Walk for 1 minute.  
Crunch on a bone.



## Olie Hickman

### Untitled

I love you, Grandma.  
You went  
away from  
me. There's  
nothing more  
to say. The poem  
ends as soft  
as it  
began—  
I love you,  
Grandma.

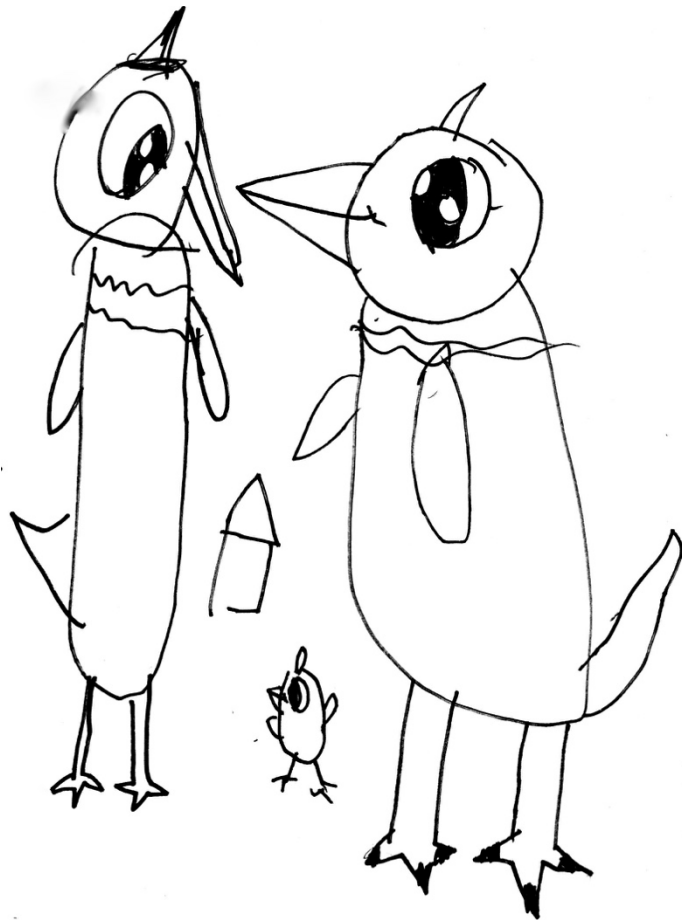
### Hope

Hope has white and orange doves  
flying around his body.  
He makes snowstorms happen  
for young boys and girls  
when they wish for a snow day  
for a month in winter, or  
a day when a school pipe bursts.  
Hope wears orange and tan clothes  
with a brown hat! If kids are down  
he gives them an orange donut.

## Ode to Sandhill Cranes

Sandhill Cranes,  
when I glimpse you  
at 4:30 PM

I see  
you blend  
into the sunset.  
Crushed corns  
are a tasty treat.  
Peck peck,  
crack crack.  
When you walk  
around Piney  
Point Park,  
you look like  
an invisible wonder  
made out of bricks!  
A four foot  
wonder lurking  
in Florida.  
Sandhill Cranes,  
you are the best  
birds in the  
UNIVERSE.





Hannah Huntley

## It's Summer...

when the world is muy bien  
because no one has school  
and they can go to the YMCA  
and catch fireflies at night, that's right!  
And eat icees and play on your device.  
Oh yeah! Hurray! Beep!

## Glowing Life

My soul glows like a banana  
under a blacklight bulb \*click\*  
and sometimes people have fright of the night  
and the moon, like a glowing banana  
the color of a glowing, is like  
a blue blueberry  
and they are so bella.



Marquis Jacobs

## **Ode to Cats**

Hello cat, you are  
a swift killer and  
fast as lightning.  
You cats have whiskers  
like traps, so you cats  
can put some cheese  
on your whiskers.

## **Soul**

My soul is like a superhero  
protecting me from evil trying to hurt me,  
but my soul is too strong.  
It will not hurt me.

## **My Secret Hideout**

When I want to be alone  
I make a dome  
and put a speaker in it  
and I go to the forest next  
to my house. It's a door I go  
into and it's a time traveler.  
It takes me to the past and the future.  
I have fun!

Christopher Jerzabeck

## **My Secret Hiding Spot**

My secret hiding spot  
is in my bunk bed and the closet.  
My secret hiding spot code is 000.  
My mom and I like to hide in the closet.  
At my friend's house, I always hide  
in the hamper when we are hide-and-seeking.  
I like to hide under my bed.

## **Love**

Love is a girl.  
She likes ice cream  
with Pokemon sprinkles.  
She wears a Vaporeon dress.

Aleeana Johnson

## **Ode To Zebras**

In the savannah you  
are prey, but in your heart  
    you are predators. Zebras  
how long do you run?  
You are king to yourselves,  
not the lions. Do you lose  
stripes? Zebras, you are  
like black and white  
ice cream. Zebras, you  
run like the wind.  
Whoosh whoosh! Zebra's eyes  
twinkle. Ling ling!  
    ZEBRAS, you  
        Glow!

## **My Third Eye**

I can see with my third eye  
puppies popping out their tongues to play.  
I can see with my third eye  
Godzilla fighting for justice.  
I can see with my third eye  
moons from miles and miles away from me.  
I can see with my third eye  
teachers blowing away kids with learning.

I can see with my third eye  
gold birds flying in the sky.

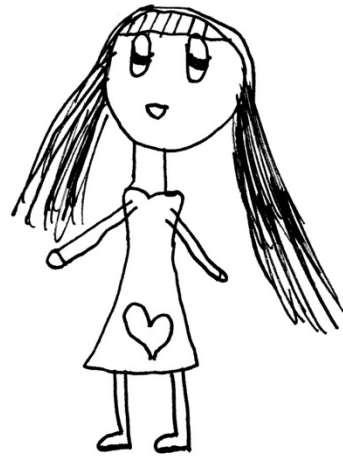
## **I Am**

I am the water in the darkest hour.  
I am a wolf that guards its pack.  
I am the ice that's colder than snow.  
I am a bird that flies when it glows.  
I am the feather that's shinier than the sun.  
Everyone is out of sight  
but I'm the darkest at night.  
You see this is me.  
This is me  
and me only.

Luna Jiang

## The Moon

I think the moon  
is a circle of a sparkle vanilla  
whipped cream doughnut.  
I think the moon is a special ball  
bouncing on the floor.  
I think the moon is a girl running  
around the bright blue sky.  
I think the moon is a white  
bouncing bunny jumping  
around the moon.  
I think the moon is  
a beautiful circle princess.



## Love

Love is a girl who has golden hair  
and wears a pretty red wedding dress  
with a purple and a dark red bow.  
When people say something bad,  
Love gives them a big juicy hug  
with a big vanilla frosting  
and a sparkly ice-cream sparkle.

Hudson Johnson

## **My Soul**

My soul is like a cat.  
To climb and hate water  
and to get scared.

## **Cat**

I see a cat eat food  
and the color black and white.

I hear it meowing so much,  
a low meow.

I taste so much fluff.

I touch fluff, and it is soft.

I smell so many cats.

And I think to myself,  
"Minecraft."

Umar Khan

## The Moon

I think the moon is a big hole  
that goes to a place  
called Toys R Us.

I think the moon is a juicy orange.

I think that the moon is a wheel.

I think the moon looks like a horn.

I think the moon is a rock that is so hard.

I think the moon is a cookie that is soft.

I think the moon is a cake.

I think the moon is a cupcake.

I think it is a cat face.

I think the moon is a face.

I think the moon is a balloon that goes up.

I think the moon is a glass.

I think the moon is an eye that looks.

I think the moon is a cup.

I think the moon is a red ball that's fun.

I think the moon is a sun that's so hot.

I think the moon is an O.

I think the moon is a table.

I think the moon is a juice box.

I think the moon is a pen.

I think the moon is a circle.

I think the moon is a world.

I think the moon is an ear.



I think the moon is a pot.  
I think the moon is a pan.

## **I Am**

I am a dog that is flying  
around the whole world.  
I am a fish and I just hang out  
with other fish that are cool.  
I am a bird and I just hang out  
with birds all day.  
I am a cat and I just hang out  
with other cats. They are funny.  
I am a fox and I have nothing to eat or people.  
I am a star just alone  
but I see another star.  
I am a blue horse, just alone.  
Then I see my friend.

Angelica Lafferty

### **My Secret Hideout...**

is my room  
because it is quiet.  
I take naps  
and I  
read books.  
Sometimes,  
I let my  
brother in.  
It's silver  
like a watch  
when it shines  
like a sun.  
I have  
lots of  
soft teddy bears.  
When the  
sun is out  
my room  
shines bright.

### **Things To Do If You Are The Sun**

If I was a sun,  
I would shine like a diamond.  
It would be hard for people to look at me.

Brooklynn Laury

## **My Soul**

My soul is a big ball of light  
shining in a black and white space.  
My soul is a snake shifting from side to side.  
My soul is like a ball shining in a bright blue sea.  
My soul is like a rainbow falling into the water.  
My soul is like a fish that is in the air.  
My soul is like a sun that comes to earth,  
that comes to me, and I flick it back to space.  
My soul is like a ball that melts in the sun.  
My soul is like a paper bag that flies in the air.  
My soul is like a fun game  
that ends when school starts.  
My soul is a dragon flying in the air.  
My soul is like a winter break that started again.  
My soul is like a cookie ball  
that transforms into a cookie eye.  
My soul is a quiet critter  
about to go back to its jar.  
My soul is a heart that runs out of me  
and runs away.  
My soul is a rolling ball that rolls everywhere.  
My soul is a friendly spider  
that pops open a ball to see what's inside.  
My soul is a ball that jumps on spiders.  
My soul is a jumping ball.

## **I Am**

I am a bird that is flying in a lightning bolt.  
I am a fish that's colorful  
and lights up in the shining sea!  
I am a bear sparkling in the bright shining water.  
I am a monster that shines bright in the meadow.  
I am a fox, tired of hunger, in the light  
of the evening bright meadow.  
I am a unicorn on a rainbow  
when I know no one is looking.

## **Dogs and Flowers**

Flowers are good.  
Bees around flowers,  
and fleas on the dogs.  
The world is around me.  
Everyone knows  
that I eat  
Doritos.

Leilany Luna

## **I Am**

I am a shining blue feather  
of a shining gold beautiful  
glittering bird.

## **Ode to Cats**

You hiss! to the water,  
and you have dark green glowing eyes.  
You hunt for fish to flush of death.  
You scratch  
and in the morning it looks like  
none of this ever happened.

## **The Moon**

I think the moon is an owl  
flying in the snowy woods to its nest,  
waiting for its food.

Elisa Maggi

## **It's Summer...**

when the world is pup-perfect  
picnic-A+  
bird-mazing  
puppy-wow-wow  
toy-awesome  
beach-wonderful  
pool-great  
flower-terrific  
park-fantastic.  
We are swing playing  
all the time. We say  
come and swing  
all the time. We  
like to play with bunnies,  
cats, bugs and birds. In summer  
time is finally here.  
Weeeeeee!!!  
This is so much fun!

## **If the World Was Crazy**

If the world was crazy  
I would eat a black frog.  
I would wear an emoji  
and a panda.

I would jump on top of the world.  
My pet would be a very big panda.  
I would play with a hot pizza  
and a school.  
I would be on Brazil.  
I would also be Queen.



Oliver Muir

## **Ode to Mosasaurus**

Dear Mosasaurus,  
you are as big as  
seven school busses.  
You are the fastest  
dinosaur in the  
ocean.  
You are bigger  
than a whale  
shark.  
Your sharp teeth  
can shred through  
a skyscraper.

## **My Secret Hiding Spot**

My secret hiding spot  
is my Grandpa's garage.  
I play with his remote control  
helicopters. Sometimes  
it's fun up there.  
I think it's fun up  
there when he's up there.



Evan NUSDORFER

## **My Soul**

My soul is a thousand fireballs  
running in to melt  
the moon.

My soul is a quiet critter  
with heart feet  
and blue and white fur  
and an eraser hat  
and one eye  
and the hat smells good.

## **Who am I?**

I am yellow.  
I am black.  
I like flowers.  
I have wings.  
I have a point butt.  
I have a queen.  
I sound *buzz*.  
All day, I like  
the sun.

## Daniyah Parsons

### Joyful

In the morning  
the light helps  
me wake up  
and makes me  
feel calm,  
happy, and  
helps me  
get ready  
for the  
day.

### The Sky

The sky  
is a big blue  
cloud. In  
the sky  
there is  
a moon,  
clouds. In  
the evening  
there is  
a pink sky. In  
the morning  
the sky is purple.



## **My Soul**

My soul is  
a unicorn in  
a green garden.

My soul is  
a unicorn eating  
brown bread.

My soul is  
a unicorn playing  
with a toy.

My soul is  
a unicorn on  
a bouncy house.

My soul is  
a unicorn on  
the moon.

My soul is  
a unicorn  
wearing a dress.

Raifah Roha

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

Meow in the day and night.  
Swish swash goes the tail.  
Whoosh! I go with my paws.  
Meow Meow! I see yarn!

## **Rain**

Drop, rain drop,  
make things wet.  
Wet things,  
push things,  
top tip tap.

Drop, rain drop,  
drip down,  
drop down,  
hop down.

Drop, rain drop,  
drip drop,  
drip drop.

Stop, rain, stop  
not on me - - -  
not on me!

## I Am

I am a bird with shiny pink shoes.  
I am a unicorn as beautiful as a queen.  
I am the queen of every single  
beautiful queen with the shiniest crown in the world.  
I am the shiny pink feather of a beautiful pink bird.  
I am the most beautiful thing  
anyone ever saw, heard, or smelled.  
I smell like roses, sound like a bird,  
and look like a queen that nobody ever saw.  
Go as far as you can,  
you still won't be able to see my castle  
as a shining pink glittery  
most best castle  
in the biggest palace  
you would ever know  
if the whole wide world.

Bianca Soares

## Ode to the Bunny

On the grass,  
a beautiful  
bunny with a fluffy  
tail beneath the leaf,  
a green  
snowy leaf.  
Where does your skin  
come from?  
Nit nit! From  
a snow cave, or  
a cute  
deer. Or maybe from  
a rainbow cloud!  
Love it! Nit nit!  
You love  
pink gold carrots.  
Your eyes are shining  
like a star!  
You are fluffy  
as a whipped cream!  
Nit nit! You are  
the cutest  
animal and fluffiest!



## **Sun**

It looks like a pizza.  
The cheese melts  
when the sun is hot,  
really hot. It is a star  
with a tomato  
looking like a sun.

## **The Moon**

I think there is a bunny  
when I look at the holes.  
I think it is the head of God  
following me at space,  
riding roller coasters  
through the galaxy.

Mia Sornoza

## **It's Spring...**

when the world is beach-wonderful  
backflip-wow  
poem-beautiful  
picnic-amazing  
swimsuit-fantastic  
shorts-great  
t-shirt-perfect  
ice cream-special  
puppy-goodness,  
going to the park with a lot of friends  
going down the slide and I go, "Wee!"  
Splash! And I fall to the floor.  
"Ouch, ouch," when  
I hit the floor

## **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hiding spot is in the bathroom.  
You need to get past 3 rooms, 3 rats,  
3 fish, 3 kids, 3 frogs, 3 crocodiles.  
The bathroom has candy, a sink, toilet,  
dogs, pillows, papers, markers, color pencils, pens.  
When I snap my fingers,  
I fly to outer space. When I clap I go  
to my mom's work.



When I stomp I go  
to all the puppies.

### **Things To Do If You Are Snow**

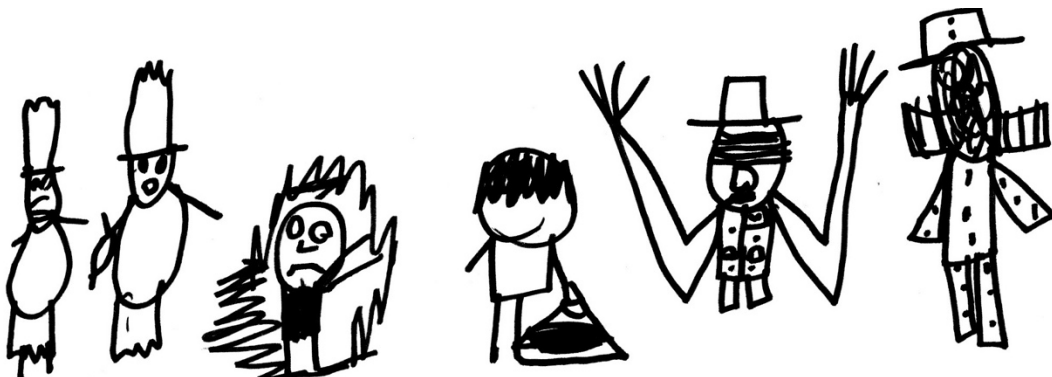
I come down from the sky.  
I'm white. I make you feel like  
*brrr*. I am shiny.  
You can build a snowman.  
You have to wear gloves.

## Weird Ship

My soul is like little nightmares:  
a girl waking up in a suitcase  
and going on weird adventures.

## The Third Eye

I can see a snake snoring in a sea.  
I can see a frog eating a lily pad with a fork.  
I can see a bull bumping everywhere.  
I can see a dog sleeping on a log.  
I can see a rat running and jumping.  
I can see a doll moving and walking.  
I can see a stick talking to me.  
I can see a girl hiding from someone.  
I can see a woman looking in the mirror.  
I can see a chef getting salt.  
I can see a blind guy making toys.



Jordan Turner

## **Ode to Monkeys**

Monkeys  
can you  
climb trees?  
Swing! Swing!  
You are  
cuckoo  
do  
you  
eat anything  
else than  
a banana.  
Are you stronger  
than a gorilla?  
You are cooler  
than a  
gorilla.  
That's why you  
are my favorite animal  
in the whole  
wide  
world.

## My Secret Hideout

I am as freaky as a dark shadow.  
I am in the dark, dark cave  
where you cannot find me.  
And there's booby traps!  
Grenades, bears, tigers!  
If you step in the forest,  
there will be a skeleton  
and a zombie saying,  
"It's time for me to be a poet and write."  
The noise they make sounds  
like crickets, crickets.  
That's how quiet it was.  
If you step on a stick, you will fall down  
and the sticks will drag you in, in, in  
and then you will pop up  
and you will have to do it all again.  
If you make it, I will be ready for you.  
If you find my secret,  
I will let you stay  
and write a poem to me.

Shengyi Zhang

## **My Soul**

My soul is a dog that plays with a stick.  
My soul is a dragon asleep in a bird's nest.  
My soul is a cat that plays with a ball.  
My soul is pigs flying in the sky.  
My soul is a dinosaur.

## **Things To Do If You Are Snow**

Snow is beautiful around the house  
like ice cream. Snow like a ball  
in the moon.  
Fall down in the sky.

## **Ode to Dolphins**

Hello dolphin, you  
are cute. I think you  
are people's friends! Then,  
I think you are nice  
to people, and I heard  
people in the water,  
you can help!  
You are so  
so, so, so cute!  
I like you!

Louisa Zhao

## The Moon

I think the moon is a ball  
and the color of it is blue.  
It bounces at the clouds.  
This blue ball feels squishy.

## Ode to Pandas

Hello pandas, you can  
climb trees really high  
up the sky. You have a  
big panda family. Do you  
eat a lot of plants?

## Who Am I?

I eat a bone.  
I am furry.  
I bark a lot.  
I am loud like a tiger.



## Nawf-Baikel Al-Hashedi

### I Am

I am Nawf.  
I am seven.  
I am short.  
I am a boy.  
I am nice.



Ms. Evarts

## **I Am**

I am a quick ninja track superstar  
racing across the finish line.

I am the trickling of the rain  
from puffy white clouds.

I am a shiny white and gold star  
amongst the navy blue sky.

I am beautiful, inside and out.

## **Fall**

The leaves change color  
from golden orange and red,  
I love the fall.

Leaves falling all around  
the sidewalk  
yellow, orange, and Macintosh apple red  
crinkly and intricate  
kids play soccer  
sweating, running, kicking  
I love the fall.



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