



## **Snapshots Contest Entries**

### **Zoe D., 13, California**

A bird lover sees,  
An eagle and tells friends, but...  
The eagle is gone.

As the autumn leaves fall,  
The soft, feathery winged crow,  
Soars into the air.

### **Emma R., 12, Kentucky**

The Race of a Tired Horse

A horse gasps in the  
Middle of racetrack, rider  
Pushing on, it stops.

Haughty man walks to horse  
And puts his foot in stirrup  
Horse walks off; he falls.

### **Jordyn B., 13, Ontario**

Red and orange leaves fall  
Green leaves turn to yellow leaves  
It is Autumn now.

Daniel Schwabauer  
Constantly teaching us how  
To say Senryu.

### **Charlie D., 13, New Zealand**

You stand under the  
Arch shivering white snow swirls  
Around your cold feet

Backing out an alley  
Remembering never to go  
That route again

### **Grace L., 16, New Zealand**

She lies on the ground  
Surrounded by china pieces  
Iced cake on the floor

Icy biting wind  
Salty raining ocean spray  
Dark clouds cover sky

## **Elizabeth H., 14, North Dakota ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

The old wooden barn  
Rattles in a gust of wind  
But it still stands strong.

Store; man looks confused  
“Can I help you find something?”  
“Yes; where is my wife?”

## **Ella-Rose A., 13, New Zealand**

Crimson leaves dance  
Downward to the dying chime  
Of the cicada

## **Lily S., 13, Ontario**

A cold wind blows by  
trees with a soft-like whistle  
in the dark forest.

A star's light is as  
bright as a child's sweetest dream  
in the silent night.

## **Jayna D., 13, California ~ Finalist**

Blue skies envelop,  
Clouds bathing in golden light,  
Welcome a new day.

Deserted kitchen,  
The sink loaded with dishes.  
Who forgot their chore?

## **Isaac H., 14, Nebraska**

Flowers shooting up  
Feeding off the sun and rain  
And so begins spring

STATUE of LIBERTY

Book your tickets early  
For the spring, gaze at the statue  
That says we're free

## **Bree G., 15, Alberta**

A family once  
built a house they called their home  
that went up in smoke

You've one day to live  
A message from your doctor  
recorded yesterday

## **Camryn G., 14, Alberta**

Antmageddon

fire roaring below  
larvae clinging to lit leaves  
while ants toss droplets

The Forest Fire

All trees smoldering  
ash clouds fill the smokey sky  
a butt lies concealed

## **Zion R., 12, Australia**

The Wind  
It scampers and twirls,  
never pauses for a breath,  
It keeps on running.

## **Felicity W., 11, Australia**

Earhart's Ocean Crossing

Engine guzzling juice,  
Summer fog obstructing view  
Crossing made with you.

Freda's Love

The empty canvas waits  
Colours bright and beautiful  
There sits my face.

## **Elijah C., 14, Maryland**

As I tune my A  
It stretches, then snaps in two  
Flying towards my face

I kneel on the ground  
Nurse skinned knee and bloody hands  
Curse that sidewalk crack!

## **Hannah W., 12, Rhode Island**

Click-Darkness falls  
Unsuspecting arms fumble  
Fearing the unseen

Needles click click clack  
Stitches form row after row  
The art emerges

## **Lily-anne, 14, Prince Edward Island**

Cockerel is sad  
He looks on in dread and hope,  
For rooster to-be.

The poor mother hen,  
Sees her baby chicks no more  
But chickens instead.

## **Micah W., 14, Pennsylvania**

The moon overhead  
Bright silver light floods the earth  
From miles on high

Man writing a poem  
He can think of no topic  
Here is the result

## **Malachi W., 12, Pennsylvania**

Duel of the Fates

Emperor is bad  
He fights Yoda and he wins  
Jedi have to hide

The Newest Sith

Anakin betrays  
The Jedi order, turns Sith,  
And kills Mace Windu

## **Makaio W., 10, Pennsylvania**

Fall

Fall, when the leaves fall  
Go to where the wind takes you  
It goes everywhere

Seasons

I love nature here  
From spring to summer to fall  
And recall winter

## **Ella C., 12, Missouri**

Green Leaves Are Turning  
Into Red and Orange Colors  
Autumn Is Beginning (Lesson 16)

Wolfert Kicks the Ball  
It Spins Through the Silent Air  
And Through the Goal Posts

## **Sara C., 15, Nevada**

Women

Quiet kind of strength  
Like the blowing of the wind  
Forceful Nonetheless

Pressure

Be true to yourself  
But remember to fit in  
How can we do both?

## **Katana H., 11, West Virginia ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

empty bird feeder  
lovely birds' retreating song  
rain is coming soon

Rain is pouring, soaking  
drenched, sun is peeking through  
color fills the sky

## **Benjamin S., 12, The Netherlands**

A howl cutting through  
The piercing black midnight sky  
Ends alone hopeless

## **Liam B., 13, California**

Walking through redwoods  
A child engrossed with a phone  
Kids these days



## **Jack H., 13, California**

Brave men are ready  
Soldiers charge over the trench  
And come back as ghosts

Screams of pain and dread  
Fill the air when just before,  
It was peace and tranquil

## **Amelie M., 13, Michigan**

Rainbow

The bright sun peeks through  
the fading rain, to paint a  
rainbow in the sky.

Sprouting

The seedling bursts through  
the soil, stretching its leaves to  
wave at the bright sun.

## **Aubrey M., 9, Michigan**

Yawning Cat:

Opening its mouth  
to yawn, the scent of dead fish  
pollutes the fresh air.

I see a black blob  
sitting in the litter box  
like a poo. "Meow!"

## **Grace Ann P., 16, Alabama**

mist shivers and skims  
over the lands, a trail of  
silver in its wake

before the sun breaks

soft folds of light steal  
over the edge, clearing the  
dark before the sun

## **Gabriel O., 12, Utah ~ Finalist**

Fireworks explode  
The deer runs across the road  
Our car collides. Bang!

Subaru puppies  
Driving to a dog car wash  
Dogs wash the car down

## **Delaney C., 12, Florida**

Jellyfish Bloom

On the busy beach  
Glowing jellies swarm around  
The swimming humans.

Migration

Humpback whales gather  
Their song rings out through the sea  
Announcing their approach.

## **Benjamin C., 13, California**

Skateboarding

Recklessly shooting  
Down the great hill, confident  
Then hitting a rock

## **Hudson K., 13, California**

Eating vegetables  
Secretly feeds them to dog  
No more veggies

## **Faith L., 12, California ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Music

Delicate tones tie  
Tiny gossamer threads to  
My heart with each note

Colorado

Snowy mountain peaks  
Small creeks flow through valleys low  
Wild flowers, bees buzz

## **Joshua M., 13, California**

once was a tall tree  
that had swayed and blown hardly  
Crash! its at my knee

burger on table  
dog jumps on the high table  
dog licking his lips

## **Timothy C., 13, California**

Sun-Gold autumn leaves  
Blown from every maple branch  
Patient for winter

Leafless oak branches  
Roots covered with pure white snow  
Longing for each warm spring