



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 ~ 2nd 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 ~ 1st 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 ~ 3rd 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