



2024 Contest Entries

Ryan G., age 13, North Carolina - **FEATURED**

I bounce and prepare,

On the diving board I stand,

Only to face plant.

The car stopped, five

Minutes from the gas station; because

The cap wasn't on.

Charlotte S., age 13, New Jersey - **FEATURED**

Morning

As the fuchsia dawn
Rises above the forest
Doves sing their sweet songs

Melancholy Breeze

A lone leaf, drifting down
No sound but the wind's hush
Carrying the scent of apple pie

Canaan L., age 14, North Carolina

The Snake

I spy my prey
I curl up, ready to strike,
Then leap through the air.

The Rock Climber

My hands are sweating.
Grip, slowly slipping away,
Falling through the air.

Olivia S., age 13, New York

Rain poured from the sky,
lightning flashed, wind howled,
leaves blew all around.

Ben M., age 13, East Africa - 1ST PLACE

A child hides in fear

Shivering at the mere thought
But chores must be done

Alone in the woods
Only a knife, ax, torch, rope
and a glamping tent

Zeke B., age 13, East Africa - FEATURED

A bug tips over

And upside down, it reveals
little Churning legs

Why is night so dark?
Under the covers I stay
I can't take it..."MOMMM!!"

Olivia B., age 13, Massachusetts - **2ND PLACE**

Raindrop

A single drop falls
Into a pool of water
Disturbing the peace.

Old Oak

The tree is aging.
Its bark is grey and cracking,
But still it stands tall.

Abigail B., age 13, Massachusetts - **FEATURED**

Storm

Rain falls from the sky,
A never ending torrent.
The world is weeping.

Camping

All birds are singing
A noisy spring symphony
Waking me from sleep.

Tyler E., age 14, Louisiana

Dad's stomach rumbles

Eating cheese in the kitchen

Foul green gas passes

Stepping on crisp leaves

The red and gold fill the trees

Falling by they go

JoyAnne Grace E., age 17, Louisiana - 3RD PLACE

Sweet popsicles drip

As the sun's mean glare beats down

Waves crash on my toes

I caught the red light

Turned to smile and wave and saw

Finger up his nose