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### Leaf

As it smiles in the sunlight
It falls and tumbles down
to the ground,
to the ground
It blows out of sight
You can't chase it
Because it floats on

Ben Sauder Age 7, Willowwind, 1st Grade

### **Blob Fish**

Oh, blob fish,
you make me go wow!
You're so cute you make me mute.
Your slime is so prime maybe the mime will play with your slime.

Cole Peden Age 10, Penn, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade





# **Falling**

A leaf is dancing,
Tap dancing.
A leaf is eating a kiss
On a stormy night.

Eero Age 6, Willowwind, 1st Grade

# Qin's Cat Army

There once was an emperor named Qin
Who had thousands of cats as his friends
To die he was afraid
Terra-Cat-A Warriors he made
For his afterlife protecting Qin from within
MEOW

Ella Gilbert Age 11, Lincoln, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



### Not Pizza

One time I ordered pizza but when I opened the lid, I found a bottle cap, a lemonhead,
Chewed up gum and a paper crane.
Am I going insane?
But no pizza, nowhere, no sir!
What will we have for dinner?

Estelle Ralston Age 9, Lincoln Elementary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



### What A Couch Thinks

I am a couch
I am able to hold people
I am happy when there is a party
everyone sits on me
and watches T.V. and eats pizza
I am sad that the cat is always scratching me
I wish I could convince my owner to get rid of the cat

Felix Green
Age 8 <sup>1/2</sup>, Willowwind, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



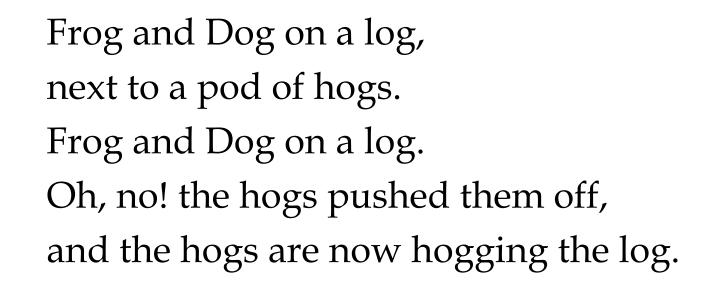
### **Classroom Animals**

Rial says moo
Cora says meow
Hito says woof
Nithin says grrrr
Pierre says neigh
Lucas says heehaw
Elizabeth says ribbit

Hito Céspedes-Finnerty
Age 6, Willowwind, 1st Grade



# Frog and Dog and the Hog



Rilyn Cay Breinholt Age 9, Penn Elementary, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



# **Mother Acrostic**

Master
Official doctor
Tag master
Helpful
Eye doctor
Respectful

Rial
Age 7, Willowwind, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



### **Polar Bears**

Polar bears, cuties of the snow, make me wonder how they glow. Some are big, some are small, babies are there-one and all. They can dance, they can know, how far it is and where to go. Polar bears cute and all, little ones try not to fall. Polar bears play all day, and sometimes wonder what to say. "Roar, Grr, squeeee?"

Tia Age 10, Willowwind, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



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### Time

Ten o'clock
The phone rings
The shock of death haunts the mother
As the piano sings

Trent Hoogerwerf Age 17, Regina High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

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### **Black Bird**

Little black bird in the tree
He is singing to me
Little worm under the ground
He is walking along
Big space in the sky, he is the ruler of I
Little me in my bed, I am asleep looking up at the sky
Who am I

Vidya Kumar Age 7, Willowwind Elementary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



### **Evil Hamster**

I am an evil hamster.

I trip people on their legs.

Evil!

Evil!!

Evil!!!

Whitman Bozarth-Greteman Age 8, Shimek Elementary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

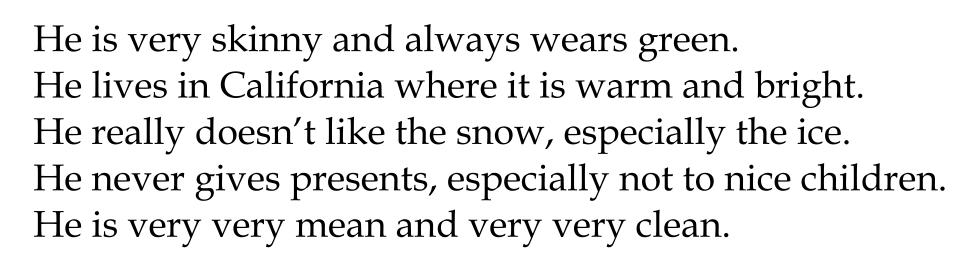
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### In the Water

In the water
There could be holes that go
Deep deep deep
Water and whales that go to
Sleep sleep sleep

Willa Age 8, Willowwind, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

# **Opposite Santa Clause**



Ziggy Love Age 8, Willowwind, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade





### Love

Beat beat goes my heart as I watch him wink

Thump goes my heart stop being a dink

Thump thump goes my heart at the smile I see, for he walked over to me,

Pound pound goes my heart as I begin to speak

Thump thump goes my heart scurried away but glance to get one last peak

Thump goes my heart goes my heart for I am not having a good day and I see him walk away

Beat beat goes my heart my heart for this is love

Jae Dancer Age 14, Southeast Jr. High, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

# Initials



J is for Jordy
A jellyfish and Jack o' lantern
J is jolly and jogging, J is joyful
G is for Gryzlak
A game and a garden
G is green and giggling
G is great

Jordy Age 7, Willowwind, 1st Grade

# Soy Brings Joy!



Soy sauce brings me joy sauce,
As it does to Lee and Pete.
When I have soy sauce I'm happy
As can be.

Kenna C. Gage Age 9, Lincoln Elementary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### **Basketball**



Four tall girls block me, but I sneak past them.
I shoot the hoop.
The crowd goes wild.

Kamila Swanson Age 9, Penn Elementary, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

# Stuff In My House

Cauldrons and potions, Goblins and trolls, Spells and a wand,

A unicorn and magical plants,

Centaurs and giants,

A wand shop on one floor and 100,000 floors,

Goblets and food,

Those are the things in my house

Lucas Hawk Iverson

Age 7, Willowwind, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



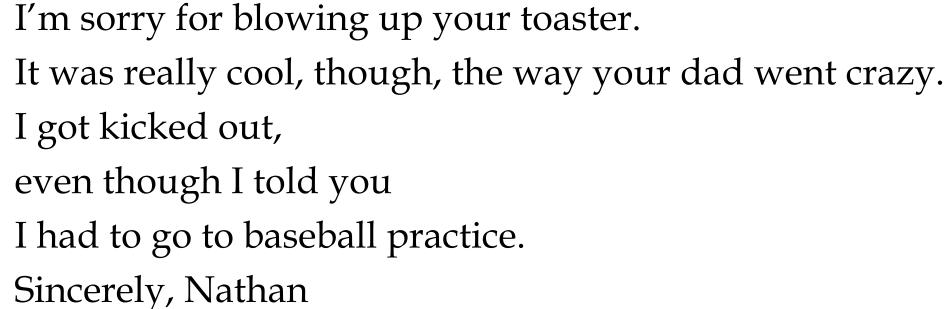
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## The Cheetah and Its Prey

I smell you! You will be tasty!
I see you! Your antler, your fur, your wide eyes!
There you are! Don't move! Pounce!
You're getting away! Sprinting to the max!
La, la, la...maybe you will think I am tired.
Got you! Chomp! Oh no all I got was your antler!
Never mind. You can go for now. I'm wiped out!

Morgan Age 8, Willowwind, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## Sorry, Owen



Nathan Age 10, Penn Elementary, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



## What My Dad Does

Ding dong
The store man rang the doorbell
Bark bark
The dog said
Squish
Dad stepped in a big dog poop
What stinks?

Pierre Shield Age 7, Willowwind, 1st Grade



# Poetry

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## **Sparks**

There's a girl I know named Nebula
When she walks into the room all the walls fall down
When she talks the world makes sense, for a little while
Her smile is a jar of fireflies. When she laughs they turn into stars
I think I've missed her all my life
She made my skies collide

Rachel Thorpe Age 16, City High, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Cross the Finish Line**

Gigantic crowds of people screaming, cheering
Muscle burning, legs cramping, blood pumping
Coaches encouraging you to finish strong
sweat rolling off your face like rain drops in a storm
Running faster faster
Right through the finish line
The race is over at least for now

Rebekah Longmire Age 14, North Central Jr. High, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



### Chrismukkah

A special time once a year having joy Snowflakes dancing on the wind The lights dancing on the wind The sound of crackling lights Playing dreidel and dancing Eating latkes and lighting the menorah Joy, happiness, and laughter

> Madeleine Seitz Age 9, Willowwind, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



# My Morning



Sitting by herself waiting for a train. With my one good and one rigid arm, I pick her up and kiss her.

Isaac Vollstedt Age 17, Regina High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade



The reason I like pie and/or pi is... pi has many numbers and here are some-3.14159265359 and pie also has lots of different flavors like cherry, pumpkin, strawberry, raspberry, and blueberry. That's the reason I like pie and/or pi.

Marko Age 10, Willowwind, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

# **Moonlight Sky**

My dad and me
Just him and me
Outside, on the porch
Watching the moonlight shine
So bright, so pretty
Just my dad and me.

Makayla Age 12, North Central Jr. High, 7th grade

