Skiing

Skiing is...
Swiftly moving down the mountain, the snow splashing at your feet
Going up the mountain and reaching the peak
The smell of fresh powder snow the taste of falling flakes
The view of the city from the very top
And as I ski down the hill again I think
“This day is on top”
Blue

Cold as ice,
Blue sounds like the ocean,
it smells like salt,
tastes like fish,
looks like waves,
feels like shells,
moves like water.

HENRY MCDONALD
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Cocoa Beach

Cocoa Beach!
I can smell it!
The smell of the tropical smoothies and smoothie shops
The taste of the fresh lemonade on the beach
I can hear the ocean waves and the music playing from my favorite restaurant on Cocoa Beach
I feel the hot sun and the sand on my feet
I can feel the water from the waves coming up to my feet
Ah I love Cocoa Beach

KENDALL WALKER
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
College Smarts

Don't mess around in college don't get in trouble be smart and don't get in a rumble cause you are going to tumble once or twice but what matter is how take that loss and you either can take it like a boss or you can see the cost. don't give up on your dreams cause you will be on your favorite team.

ASHER EISENBACK
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
potato chips

a crispy snack that is very tasty made from potatoes they were also made to get revenge (i love when karma strikes back). so many flavors to try and eat i love chips and i know you love them too

AERIS SUTTLE

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
I don't understand

I don’t understand why illness takes people away
how it slowly shows them the way to heaven.
I don’t understand why people do bad things
why they take children why they rob banks why they scam people.
what I do understand is that if you find one light in the dark
you will almost always win.

OLIVER BROCK
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Falling Fall

Dead leaves falling down
Shoes cracking at the fallen
Wind whispers to us
Bright surrounding atmosphere
The tired cold

JOSH TRUONG
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Smile

A smile
I haven't seen one in awhile
One smile, different attitude
A way to show gratitude
It's something to adore
Smile more
The Loose Screw

On the ground it lays.
I don't know what it came from.
I don't know where it came from.
But it's here.
It's a piece to something.
It's like us.
However small, it's important.

BENNETT HALVERSON
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
The Mark

The mark has been there for months
Just sitting on the white board
Is it waiting to be erased?
Or does it want to live?
It may want to be free and run wild
But it can’t because it is trapped
All because of a mistake

KADE BAXTER
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Warmth

Yellow is....
As warm as a sunny day
As bright as the sun
It has the taste of a pineapple
It looks like the sunrise
It feels like summer
And it moves like bumble bees buzzing

KENNA JENN
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Dreams

Dreams are like birds-
They can reach for the stars, fluttering away
But fall as soon as they falter.

Oh dreams, I hope your wings will never fail you
And carry your heart full of hope through
The ends of the earth.

SOPHIE FLETCHER
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Wilderness
The summit trembles
The native Redwoods quiver
As the rain falls down
The bright blue sky fades away
Goodbye winter, hello Spring

DYLAN DEFURIO
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
The Dark Stormy Night


AUBREY DANIELS

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Drawing is Sweet

Drawing Is sweet
Coloring too
Let's not forget Doodles
And sketches too
All very nice to entertain
An interest of mine that will not wane

JACK KELSO
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
The Hiking Trail

The animal tracks
The light breeze along the path
Peaceful and quiet
The rocks in the fast, cool steam
The scent of dirt in the air

GENEVIEVE POTHOUR

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Blue is...

as cold as the winter air,
it sounds like the ocean waves rolling, and
smells like the salty water at the beach.
it tastes like a twist ice cream cone,
it looks like a bright morning sky,
and feels like fluffy cotton candy.
it moves like a bird gliding through the air.

MARLEA COPELAND

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Ode to Orchestra

It can sound like a sweet melody, or it could be booming with bass. The smell of rosin and paper, as sunlight shines through. It feels calm or shaking, as the strings vibrate. It moves as fast as your fingers, the bow, as sound waves flow into the wind. The harmonies have the sweetest taste. And it looks like us, a team, an orchestra. Triumphant, this is us as we play our final note.

ZENAB BASHIR
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Bright Stage Lights

The craziness happening backstage
Friends helping to button your costume
Bobby pins jabbing into your scalp
The nerves that make you exited
The bright lights shining on you while you dance
Feeling joy, happiness, and confidence, but most of all,
Feeling like this is home.

GLORIA METCALF
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
There we were, running around the playground, learning the alphabet, colors and numbers, us three faint memories yet hard to forget, the memories so stuck up in our heads, those huge highlights, the kitchen, cliford the big red dog, and those huge steep stairs.

ALLISSON GARCIA LOPEZ

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
The Stampede

The ground shakes
It feels like an earthquake
Hear the bulls stomp
Running with a deafening sound

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Winter Weather

Wednesday was the worst wintry weather whiteout in the west coast in weeks. The wild windchill was way worse than the windiest and wettest week in the whole wide world! Winter weather in the west coast was always warm but this white winter was the worst winter weather in twelve whole white winter weeks.

HAYZEL WERNIMONT

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Frightening Spiders

You catch insects
You’re small
And I could easily crush you
Yet you terrify me
You sit there menacingly
Unknowing of the fear you bring
And you are scarily fast

DAPHNE FAGA

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
The World Around Me

I don't understand why people don't get me,
Why I can sometimes feel all alone, when surrounded by others,
But most of all I don't understand why life is so hard, and difficult, and confusing,
But what I do know is that the sun shines on the days you need it most.

EVIE KELLBACH

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Ode to Baseball

I love playing baseball something about the sound of the click clacky cleats on the dirt diamond as you walk into the batter's box you can hear the softball chants too.

BECKETT

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Life

Everything in life is like a box nailed together, food is like a meadow with a lot of flowers. Water is like a stream with no fish, Friends are like a light switch that goes on and off.

EMERSYN YOKUM

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Summer

Oh how I love summer
Talking with friends.
Sun shining,
The breeze through my hair.
Not a care in the world,
I'm free.

TESSA STILLE
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Standing in Verse

I imagined rhyming a verse would be so easy, yet here we stand. Like knights standing in valor or convicts on the gallows. In health or pain, it’s not so tame, whether in an ancient cell or guiding soldiers while they yell. It’s not so hard, so here we are; Let’s all be good and well.
An Ode To My Mother

My mother is warm like the sun when she hugs me,
Always comforting me O mother I praise,
My mother represents comfort and safety,
She is security and confidence,
My mother is kind and forgiving,
She never turns her back on anyone,
My mom, my hero.

NORAH O.
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Alcatraz

Just off the shore of a great city,  
A place were the worst criminals once where.  
A museum kind of scary due to what it was  
The greatest barrier you have witnessed  
Great big waves leading out to the Pacific.  
Prisoners stuck around the clock  
On an inescapable prison called the rock.

TATE RETTIG
Poetry in Public 2023  
Student Submission
Midnight Stars

Beautiful blaze burning the sky
The sparkle of inspiration, oh so bright
Gentle gaze amongst twinkling stars
Telling many stories of years past
Oh so small, yet lighting up our world
The moon, the brightest of them all
Oh what a wonderful world beyond our world

MELODY NIMMO

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
A Strand of Grass

That strand of grass
So small under my feet
Yet also, so big
Taller than a small rock
Longer than the loose string
Take a look down deeper
Sometimes what seems little, is just as big

JAKE MABON
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Autumn's Leaves

Falling from the trees, autumn's colorful, crunchy leaves. Brown, green, red, yellow, orange, crunching as I step on them. Very vibrant colors, like the setting sun. Different shapes and sizes, blowing different places.

KATIE BARTACHEK
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Monokuma
Monokuma is despair
Monokuma sounds like nails on a chalkboard
Monokuma is the taste of blood
Monokuma looks like the monster under your bed
Monokuma feels like lying on spikes
And Monokuma moves like a wound-up toy

VIN KEATING
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Hair Ties

You hold my hair up when I need it
Although you are very flexible
Sometimes you break
We all do sometimes
Nothing is perfect
But you are pretty awesome

CHARLOTTE HOOVER
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Ode to Lime Green

Lime green is cool as a bush. It sounds like kids playing and it smells like pine trees. It has a taste of sour candy. It looks like a bright aura, It feels like peace, and it moves like falling leaves.

JACK SMITH
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
I love the way your tail wags when you walk.
I love the way your ears flop when you talk.
I always feel so warm when you greet me.
Your beautiful, magnetic, chestnut eyes are such a sight to see.
I always feel sad when I have to go.
But always remember, I will always love you so.

SYDNEY ROETHLER

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Gi-ant
I came from my ant kingdom
I see a colossal giant
I was quivering and scared
The giant seemed to have felt the same
I thought cockroaches were scarier
I ran back to my kingdom
I am writing this paper.

EMILIANO ESTRADA
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Busses Are...

Busses are cheaper than cheap with their fake leather seats.
Busses are smellier than smelly, like an unwashed belly.
Busses are more packed than tuna fish in a small tin can,
Busses are louder than loud, it makes stadiums feel like they had no sound,
Busses are older than old, I swear I saw mold.
Busses look like sad rectangles with windows and wheels, much worse than high heels.
Busses are slower than slow, so maybe next time, walk where you want to go.

LINCOLN OSBORNE

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Hot Good Days
At a time when bees fly,  
When the sun is very high  
You can see blue sky-

When flowers quickly bloom  
They smell like perfume-

You might see planes hover,  
That is why I love Summer.

SAM PIPER
Poetry in Public 2023  
Student Submission
Sea of Secrets

The sea of secrets grew very deep,
Some of us took the leap, ending up in a slumberous sleep.

It held secrets of sorrow, secrets of tomorrow.

With love and hate; or being driven by your fate.

But live the moment of today
All can be forgiven
even in the sea of secrets.

JACK PIPER
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Day Till Night

Day,
Breeze, Laughter,
Glowing, birds, radiant,
Golden sun, twinkling stars,
Resting, calming, quiet,
Sparkling, silence,
Night.

SEPHORA
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Nothing Left to Lose
I don't know what to do
To get me back to you
I've got nothing left to lose
I'm sad, tears and blues
All bridges have been crossed
I guess our love is lost

KATHERINE ASENcio-PAIZ
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Love is a Board Game

Love is a board game
You will never know what’s going to happen next
Win, lose, you won’t know until it ends
You can play again, you can quit
Sometimes your teammate can turn against you, or stay by your side forever
Love is a board game
But you don’t have to play

CLARA VISSE

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Snowflakes, Oh My!
It’s not rain, but it falls,
From the sky in tiny balls,
Each one is different, like a surprise,
Small and sparkly, before my eyes,
I catch them on my tongue, so sweet,
Winter wonderland can't be beat!

ROSE ABDULKAREEM
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Chains of Inequality
Injustice thrives where inequality lies, 
A system rigged to favor specific ties, 
The marginalized suffer, while the privileged reign, 
A vicious cycle repeated again and again, 
But we will not be silent, and we'll raise our voice, 
Demanding equality for every race and choice, 
For only in unity can true justice prevail, and the broken system, we will finally unveil.

LARREN ABDULKAREEM
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Flick of a Wrist

One flick of a wrist opens up a whole new world, fingers lightly dancing across the cover. A crisp yet slightly earthy rich scent twirls into your nose, filling your chest with warmth.

Thick, black ink traces the page, illustrating a story in your mind and hooking you in with its claws. Twists and turns leave your jaw plummeting to the floor, teeth clenching, the character’s emotions bleeding out of the page, reaching so deep into your heart, you sob and laugh.

A warm contentment that will settle in your chest, run through your bloodstream upon a happy ending Or the icy-cold horror wrapping around you when stopped abruptly with a cliffhanger.

HAILEY HANSEN

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Space Shuttle
A free child I am
Books lifting me from this world
Like a space shuttle

VIVIANA ESTRADA-MARTINEZ

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Broken Superhero

She chooses to wear a cape, yet she's forced to wear a smile. She knows that with every last breath, she'll protect everyone she can. She chooses to build her strength, yet she's forced to be strong. She bears every battle and seethes through the scars on her arms. She'll do what it takes, survive or not, life or death. It's still not up to her to choose.

EVELYN INGERSOLL

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Two Leaves Fell

Two leaves fell in the evening sky
Kids waiting for the summer light
Summer’s alive!
Waiting to play again
I bet you’re surprised
What a wonderful day around here!
I believe there is a moment I would go out and play!

AN NGUYEN
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Beautiful Music

The orchestra
Sounds put together into one
A symphony
Bow, gliding across the strings
Soothing
Beautiful music
The orchestra

ALYSSA DENNENY

Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Fireflies
Lights dart around free
Then captured in a swift blur,
Lastly free again.

EMILY LULU DING
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
Math

Drifting off in class,
Numbers blur into a haze,
Boring math lulls me
The Beach

The waves on me, licking my toes
The sand beneath my feet, thousands of tiny shells
The sun shining on the ocean, as I splash and play
Not a cloud in the sky
This, is my beach

AYLA KECK
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission
The Mayfly

The Mayfly has a mere 3 hours to live. Yet right now, she dances in the wind and waltzes on the leaves. She flys at the stars above, Unaware of the setting moon.

REED HAGAN
Poetry in Public 2023
Student Submission