

Kindergarten Prize comments from Olwen Jarvis:

First Place - Black is a Beautiful Color

In this short piece, the poet conveys a sense of sound, color, gentleness and place. There is a sense of wonder... that snow falls in the night! There is an appreciation of black as being a special color and of silence being a sound. For me the piece evoked such an amazing picture... "snowflakes falling softly without a sound in the black of night."

Congratulations on being able to convey so much with so few words. Please keep creating beautiful pictures with your imagination and translating that all into poetry. Well done!

Olwen Jarvis

Second Place - *birds and lightning*

With very few words this poet evokes a dramatic picture. The use of comparison is so striking... Speed, size and direction applied to two very different objects. I feel this young poet appreciates nature and the elements and loves them both. I sense a love of birds but then lightning is like a bird so there is no fear of lightning! I enjoyed the action in this poem, everything moving in its appointed place. Wow!

Congratulations. Continue to be an observer of our world and to share your thoughts through your writing, which to me has a sense of fun and sensitivity! Olwen Jarvis

Third Place. Building a Fairy House.

This young poet has created a wonderfully personal narrative! Four three line stanzas tell a happy story. The last two lines show how this poet feels about what is being done. I appreciate the way the whole family is brought into the event. This is a shared experience. The frequent use of the word "our" gives a sense of belonging. The words are clear and simple. I am left with a delightful picture of building a fairy house down in the woods.

Thank you for a trip into your woodlands. I can see your fairy house! Your words paint pictures. Keep on putting your experience and thoughts on paper for others to read. Well done!

Olwen Jarvis