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-Edgar Allan Poe



# How I Wish - First Place Youth

By Caitlyn Dixon

A man scowls  
Above a crowd  
And though he's rude,  
He's doubly proud.

Though he has exhibited  
Nothing good  
His peers whisper  
That he could.

Oh! How I wish  
For a little sense  
For these words do  
Terrors to my ears.

A counter sifts through  
Mountains of greed  
Perfectly aware  
He makes us bleed

He taxes the people  
Twice - tenfold  
And hides his motives  
Under mountains of gold.

A man glares  
At a cold stone wall  
And anticipates  
A proud city to fall.

Sirens wail  
Like children at night  
And raining down  
Inglorious might.

Oh! How I wish  
For a little sympathy  
For these actions do  
Terrors to my eyes.

A child stands  
Brave and tall  
On behalf of  
These who fall

Awarded metal  
For sealing the debt  
Of a man  
Neither ever met

A love shall see  
This world is cruel  
With enough coal  
To feed and fuel

Oh! How I wish  
For a little peace  
For these deeds  
Do terrors to my soul.



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# Music to My Ears - Second Place Youth

By Willow Robinson

The usual annoyance of ticking pens  
calms my mind  
steadies my heart.

Layered by the creaking of chairs  
drawing me back  
to the room.

The crunch of pencils getting sharpened  
appending texture  
and satisfaction.

Abased by the silk skin of whispers  
lyrics  
a makeshift song.

The steady sound of pencils drawing,  
in the back of a book,  
form soft strokes of beat.

I listen to this song  
I find focus  
as if it were silent.

I close my eyes  
all the while  
listening.

I don't join in  
just listen,  
letting the music  
engulf my thoughts and put my mind to ease.



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## Indiana's Peace Poem - Third Place Youth

By Indiana Ginglio

Peace is enjoying exciting hobbies of your choice,  
Peace is not being forced to participate in a dull activity you do not like.

Peace is petting a sweet fluffy puppy,  
Peace is not being bitten by a villainous mosquito.

Peace is enjoying a delectable meal,  
Peace is not ingesting disgusting green zucchini.

Peace is resting in your serene garden,  
Peace is not wandering in a deserted rundown town.

Peace is sitting on a warm sunlit beach,  
Peace is not being trapped in a noisy classroom.

Peace is remaining present in the moment,  
Peace is not fretting about tragic events of the past.

Peace is the tranquil sound of trickling water,  
Peace is not a horrendous hurricane that many must see.

And that is the meaning of peace to me.



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## Evening - Highly Commended Youth

By Isabel Wann

When evening comes, I see the sun  
Halfway behind the trees.  
I see the coral-orange clouds,  
And the sky of bluish-green.

'Though the bellbirds are still ringing,  
There's no warmth in the air.  
I look upon the lush grass,  
And see still some sunshine there.

Around the sun is her orange light  
But time will find the coming night  
The sky above will soon be grey  
And gone will be this present day



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