



This mushroom image was created on Clarisworks paint by David Klingman, 8th Grade, Mendocino Middle School. Each month we'll try to post a new image at the top. If you wish to do so you can write a poem about this image or a related subject and we'll post the poems with the image. See below for other topics and more.

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The idea for this page came from a simple project: to write Haikus about the Comet Hyakutake. Although a number of students wrote poetry for this page, which you can find at: <http://www.mcn.org/ed/cur/cw/Comet.html...Reflections Upon A Beautiful Vision>, a number of students wrote to send in more general poetry subjects about nature and the world around them.

This page is dedicated to those students.

This page will be a place for students to post their own poetry, with the subject being anything having to do with Nature or Natural Science, including Life, Earth, Physical and Environmental Science topics. For example, writing about the stars, or forests, or sitting by a lake or stream, or a volcano or mountain top, or walking in the snow, or visiting another planet would all be appropriate topics. As a general rule, poems shouldn't exceed 300 words, but if it is an amazing epic poem, we'll certainly consider it on its own merits. Very short poems are also very welcome! If you would like to have your poetry submitted and placed on-line, you can e-mail it to:

**Cory Wisnia
Student Natural Science Poetry Center
cwisnia@mcn.org**

Please include: your NAME, e-mail address if you have one, AGE, GRADE, name of SCHOOL, location (city, state, country). Allgrades from k-12 are accepted. The only other criteria we have at present is to allow no profanity to be placed on-line or overt sexual content for the obvious reason that this is a school-sponsored activity.

Here is a poem to give an idea of the type of writing we are interested in posting for students!

LEO'S JUNGLE

I lay lying
a bed of stars embellish me
my second self is sleeping
Slipping away I once wandered that place,
that mysterious realm...
So far away, yet within my grasp.
I danced down the creases of Orion's belt
And swim in the pools of the Milky Way.
Shooting stars & flaming comets
light my way, carressing my cheeks
with their flickering tails.
I slip through Cancer's claws
And crouch in Leo's jungle of
mesh fishing-nets & lover's glances.
As I seep back into myself
Into that world of promises & denial.
I wonder...
Wonder why and how and...
If so...
WHEN?

...written by Solange Roberdeau, 8th grade, Mendocino Middle School

The most recent poems will be listed by the latest posting dates at the top

By: Beatrice Karish
8th Grade, Mendocino Middle School, 5-23-96

The dark shimmering moonbeams
shoot
across the sky
indigo tints laugh
like damaged eagles
swimming in awe

on a summer's day
as the waves
crash against the canyon
my tears are falling
down
the only sacred waterfall

why do angels sing
upon the grassy hill
above the sea
that flows below
the birds are talking
the bears are roaming
whispers are about

My Name is Toni Boehm. I'm a student from Germany, Munic at the KSFH- Highschool
of Benediktbeuern. 5-23-96
My e-mail adress is: Toniboehm@AOL.com My poem:

Walking out of the town and reaching the trees is spring for me
breathing the world
nature
trees
no more
filter
cars
isolation chambers

spring

Note: our 8th grade science classes recently had a visitor who is HIV+, and who shared
his life story and experiences with us concerning living with HIV/AIDS.

To Ian...

Listening and learning
about a life
about energy and commitment
about change and awareness
about sharing emotions
Observing and reflecting
about pain and sadness

about honesty and perseverance
about wellness and weaknesses
about time and loving
You helped me understand
similarities
You helped me appreciate
differences
You helped me remember
myself

Cory Wisnia, Mendocino Middle School teacher, May 24, 1996

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