

Acknowledgments

I have chosen "Pebble" as the poem for the back cover of this year's anthology. It demonstrates the need to share of ourselves in life and the fulfillment doing so, gifts us.

Passion of Poetry members have shared their joys, their aspirations and their hearts with us through their writings this year. As in "Pebble", by giving of themselves they have gained in their understanding and compassion of others, and discovered who they are and what they feel is important in order to make this world a better place for all.

Poetry is like that pebble. It leaves a part of itself in the minds of readers, an impression that can offer hope, joy or perhaps even comfort. The more minds it touches, the greater its effect; knitting individuals into a fabric and that fabric into a finished product. Whether this product be compassion, insight, or simply a smile, it has affected a change in the masses and amplified its own worth.

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Brian Beaudry

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Ashley Vautour Grade 4

Fall Fair

When you go to the Fall Fair You can eat and go on rides When you go to the Fall Fair There are people on all sides

Snow

Slush No school Often soft Wet stuff

Halloween Fun

Trick or treat
Dress up neat
Running door to door
Put the candy in the bag
Until there is no more
Watch the traffic either way
When you cross the street
You could get hit by a car
And that wouldn't be a treat

Chelsea Leonard Grade 4

Poppies

In Flander's Field The poppies stand tall Each one a tribute To a soldier's fall

Wreaths of poppies Mark the day To remember the ones Who have gone away

They fought for us For a country free So very thankful We should be

Worn over our hearts While we stand round A better reminder Could never be found

Chelsea Leonard Grade 4

Halloween

Ghosts and goblins What a sight On a dark and spooky Halloween night

Trick or treating Door to door Costumed children Candies galore

Jack-O-Lanterns glow
With candle's light
On this dark and spooky
Halloween night

Chicken Pox

Itchy itchy, very itchy
Chicken Pox makes me twitchy
First week of summer holidays
And I can't even go out to play
Red spots and fever too
What am I going to do
I sit here and wonder why
So bored I could cry
Boy oh boy it isn't nice
Thank goodness it doesn't hit twice

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Chelsea Leonard Grade 4

Canada

From coast to coast And sea to sea Canada's the Place for me

With mountains high And valleys low Through the winter's Ice and snow

Towns and cities Large and small From east to west We have it all

No matter where you go There's friends we know Home of the proud and free Canada's the place for me

Katie Regimbal Grade 4

Treasure

I love gold
I love diamonds
I love rubies
Gold coins
Money and
more

Easter

Candy, treats
And other things.
I love Easter
it's my favorite
thing. All the sweets you
Can eat
Easter is quite a treat

Fall colors

Red, brown yellow, green colors that shine bright things that fall apples, leaves, branches and things. Fall is my favourite season Smell of fresh air Fall is that wonderful season.

Katie Regimbal Grade 4

School

School has subjects lots of fun science and religion social studies, health math and bellwork I love school I love school

Haunted Houses

Mice, squeaking doors cracks and creeks, nooks and crannies spooky trees and goblins ghost and witches crackling and owls hooting a haunted house is that kind of house

Cats

White, gray, black and brown tabby, ugly, old and young cute and cuddly, furry, white little sharp claws and teeth they're the cutest things on earth.

Taylor Church Grade 5

Stars

I look to the heavens this dark chilly night. Millions of bright points smiled me their light

Halloween

Mom, dad, sister and I last year trick or treating Third street to discover Knocking door to door. Frightened me and cousin Kaitlin to Grampa's we retreated Sorry were the teasing dummies. Frightened we remained till we got some extra candy Filling pillows tight On last year's Halloween.

Baked

Boil, fry, sizzle, steam and cook. Mom can do them better than the book.

Taylor Church Grade 5

Questions

Questions, questions everywhere even floating in the air.
They are so beautiful as such and so.
They give us knowledge and help us grow.

Questions, questions give us answers asking God in our prayers.
Questions are for every one, working them out can be fun.
Questions, questions everywhere who are you, and why are you there?

Taylor Church Grade 5

Whispers

Whispers are a sweet as roses As pretty as an icicle on the First day of winter.

Whispers are as good as gold As shiny as silver and as Soft as a fleece sweater on A chilly day.

Whispers are as caring as a Kiss on a cloud

Whispers are as giving as friendship and whispers are my favorite thing ya!

Taylor Leveille Grade 5

Snow

Snow is great Great great great It brings joy to Some people because Snow is wonderful Snow snow snow Please snow!!!

Winter

Winter is my favourite time I love to play in snow Sliding, angels, even snowmen With a carrot for their nose

Snowflakes floating down Some landing on my face Tickling my cheek Then melt without a trace

A wonderland of white Frozen lakes and land Winter is my favourite time Of the whole year round

Taylor Leveille Grade 5

Halloween

Halloween is a
Time of fright
Halloween is a
Scary night
Halloween makes
Me scared
Oh Halloween
Do I dare

Nice

When you are
Nice you see
Good friendship
And when you
Are mad you
Are blind
So be a good friend
And try to
Be nice

Athena Belfit Grade 5

Christmas

Presents and Christmas trees all the things that me happy I can't wait for Christmas to come every year will be very fun Oh I can't wait Ho Ho Ho

War

Why is the war going on?
Why can't we all just get along instead of us fighting we should all be uniting.
Quit it with the punch and kick start it with the hugs and kiss I hope the war will end one day.
And all my fears will go away

Remembrance

It's the day you remember the soldiers, the soldiers that fought for our lives. It's the day you relax, the day you feel calm, the day you feel proud to be Canadian

Athena Belfit Grade 5

I Don't Know

I don't know when it's gonna snow I don't know when it's gonna be sunshine

But ...

I do know everything will be just fine if you stay by my side

I don't know if you're gonna stay I don't know if you're gonna leave

I've

just gotta believe that I trust you to say you're gonna stay

Friendship

Friendship is about being together always and forever no matter the weather when they're mad you'll be by their side when they're sad you'll be there to guide friends are valuable.....keep them

Jeryka Campbell Grade 5

Snow

Snow snow it tingles on my face Snow snow as soft as lace.

Snow snow it's very soft Snow snow from aloft

Halloween Halloween

Halloween Halloween It gives me frights and makes me scream

Halloween Halloween You go trick or treating and get candy on Halloween

Halloween Halloween You dress up on

HALLOWEEN

Jeryka Campbell Grade 5

Nice

If you are mean that's not nice if you are nice that's nice but you can be a lot nicer then You are now!

Poppies

Poppies are as soft as white fluffy snow and as strong as the wooden cross.

They are as red as the sunshine bright in the light blue sky.

They are beautiful red flowers that beam in the sunlight and they are and ocean of red.

They rise in Flanders Field

Jeryka Campbell Grade 5

Snow Is Not Meant For Summer

We were playing outside in the warm sunny day. We were wearing T-shirt's and shorts.

I felt a drip on my nose then what do you know came down was snow. In the summer?

It's not suppose to snow in the summer. We felt a little bit happy that it was snowing but we know that snow is not due for summer.

My Brother

I have a brother named Kaelan, he's always wailing, he was born in 2002 and he doesn't even fit in a shoe.

He's not at all tall he's actually quite small, his parents are Elaine and Gord and he's mostly not bored

Give Peace A Chance

Guns and bombs
Screaming and shouting
Imagine all the people
Who died for us
No soldiers are coming back
Except the ones who survived
Just imagine all the lost loved ones
Try and give peace a chance
Then no loved ones will be lost
All we have to do is share the world
It was made for all of us to share
Where is the love?

No, No, And No

No wars, no killing, just love
That is how it should be
If it was like that no one would die
Before they are supposed to
All we have to do is join together and say
No to war and killing and say yes to
Love and peace and harmony
The world was made for us to share

Nena Dubuc Grade 6

No Reason At All

Fighting and killing
Why do they do that
There is no reason
To fight or kill
Just have peace and harmony
And your life will be complete
Without it being complete before it should
Because there is no reason for fighting or killing

Victoria Hastings Grade 7

Christmas

The best time of the year You get to stay away from school You surprise your dear This is really cool

Family

All in my family here it goes
This is how you get to know
The best is to have a sibling
So you can always talk to
You get to play and stay up late
But don't forget you can also date
I want to stay a child
So I can always have a friend at home

Sing To Me

I once knew a person who Always liked to sing for me Then one day I went To his house and he Had lost his voice So I sang to him

Victoria Hastings Grade 7

Summer

Summer is really fun
It is also hot
I love to sunbathe
Camping, canoeing and playing
The sun is warm also
I love washing the corn pot
But barbequing is best in the sun

Guess Who

My hair is short
My legs are long
I have a favourite sport
I can swim to a port
Can you guess who I am?
I am a poodle dog

Cody O'Shaughnessy Grade 7

Through An Angel's Wing

Gaze at the angels As they soar in the sky Light shines through her As she flies by.

As she is passing Touch her soft wing The magic of its touch Good luck it brings

Angels bring joy To people on Earth Angels sing joy In Jesus' birth

We should all Thank an angle someday As her soul flies high Guiding our way

Cody O'Shaughnessy Grade 7

Love

Love is an exhilarating thing
If you love someone very much
Your heart explodes
You will feel happier than anything

When you see someone you like I think you may have a crush But when you ask her to the prom And she says no thanks Your heart turns to mush

If you have love in your heart For someone in your class You need to bite the bullet And ask her out fast!

Weeping Moon

At night the moon shines so very bright shedding it's rays on the soldiers who fight

At night the moon weeps in despair to see all the death that chills the night air

I look to the moon and share in it's cry pleading end to all war that soldiers not die

Cody O'Shaughnessy Grade 7

Lay With Dread

There are many people on the face of the earth God gave us this gift by a beautiful baby's birth

I am one of the children that's in a hospital bed I lay there staring at the ceiling as my heart pumps with dread

I wish that I would heal and get our of here someday now I sit in a wheelchair in a wheelchair I will stay

Cody O'Shaughnessy Grade 7

Darkness Of The Day

Do you ever hide from God within the mist of day if you crouch in darkness your faith might fade away

We need to open up our hearts so that God can reach in only seeing our bright light as long as we believe in Him.

We can reach to the sky and pluck down a cloud. As our hearts open up and shout His praise out loud.

We should not hide from God within the mist of day. Let him look upon us in His glorious way

Help Your Enemies Too

Tomorrow I shall die. The doctor had said I have just enough energy To rest in my bed

Don't be sad when I leave God's kingdom I've won Don't feel hopeless when I die My work here has been done

I had some great times It's now time to leave Through all the hard times It helps to believe

My Time To Leave

My love is now spread My journey was long I'll be back again To take away wrong

Your face, filled with sorrow You must not cry As long as I'm with you Your spirit won't die

I hope you spread the love That I have given you Fill each heart with joy

I Plead For Earth

God, please, can you hear All the sad children here Hurt because of war All the innocent deaths

God, please, help the soldiers Pray their safe return Come back not injured I plead for them

God, please, save the world From the war we have caused Help us from disaster I plead for Earth

The Last Stroke

Going through the wild With a paddle and boat Sneaking by animals Without a doubt

Then all of a sudden The boat flips Your life in peril Your clothes rip

Now in the water You lie all alone The water is still It's now my new home

The Knight's Glory

The knight has come To go to war Slashing and bashing Getting tired and sore

But one knight didn't stop He kept going To protect his country From dusk to morning

A terrible thing happened That very same day He got hit on the head He had been slayed

When the war was over They told the story To their wives and children About the knights glory

Let Me Be Your Wings

Let me be your wings I'll be there always Beside you forever On the water walkways

Let me be your wings Let me take you Far beyond your sight Anything you want to do

Let me be your wings Let me hold you forever Sharing our love Until we're together

Dare To Believe

I streak the sky on phantom wings To carve the clouds soft face I soar where eagles wouldn't dare To greet the darkest space How tranquil Earth looks from here Such peace I do perceive The magic of its gentle twirl Centuries does it weave What freedom this gift bestows Such majesty I view All colors of the spectrum's light This prolate imbues If we could all be graced this view Then see the way it grieves I know we could heal its woes If we dared to believe

Brian Beaudry

