

A scenic photograph of a lake with evergreen trees and a building reflected in the water under a cloudy sky. The scene is misty and serene, with the water acting as a perfect mirror for the surrounding landscape.

# *Reflections*

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## Acknowledgments

Reflection can be described as an intense examination or ponder of an object, circumstance or emotion where the author becomes “One” with the subject they write about. It can be quite intense, magical, whimsical, humorous, and at times painful, depending upon the author’s state of mind at the time. It was with this in mind that I decided to title this year’s book, “Reflections”. The cover picture offers a mystical theme, dawn, cloaked within a light mist with dark silhouettes lending double imagery, a perfect setting to pause and reflect on life.

The students of Passion of Poetry have had a very busy year compiling more than 150 poems amongst the eighteen poets enrolled this season. Due to the many noon-hour activities within our school it was challenging to follow a set schedule so improvising became the norm, holding meetings in early mornings, recesses as well as at lunch time. This year I inadvertently deleted a folder containing all of one of my student’s poems. Thanks to the very dedicated IT (Information Technology) staff we have within our Board, the student’s folder was retrieved from backup tapes and her work restored for inclusion in “Reflections”. I thank them once again for their tireless work and for saving the day for me.

Mr Collins, our Principal, has been a most avid fan and our most ardent supporter throughout our years together. This year he is also the editor of this anthology. It is this type of support and encouragement that makes St. Patrick School stand out within our community and our Board.

Finally, to my students, this whole project would not be possible without the interest and energy that you put into it. Each year I am amazed at the depth and intensity of many of your poems, and your commitment to writing. It has truly been a pleasure working with you, and getting to know you through your poems.

Mr. Beaudry

Once again the students, under the guidance of Mr. Beaudry, have put together a collection of poems showcasing their written talents. As I read through this year's edition of the poetry anthology I was inspired by the diversity of topics and writing styles of our students and their willingness to express thoughts and feelings through poetry. A lot of time and effort was devoted to developing the children's talents and they were able to explore a variety a poetry styles.

Thanks goes out again to Mr Beaudry for dedicating some of his own time each day to meet with individuals or small groups of students. Under his leadership many of our students have received awards and acknowledgments in addition to having a number of their poems published in a variety of poetry anthologies.

I hope that readers will enjoy the collection of poems and appreciate the hard work that went into creating this anthology.

Mr. Collins

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*Amy*

*McKeever*

*Grade 6*



## **Birthday Bash**

I wake up in the morning with a smile on my face  
I turn to my friend, let me guess, this is where the party took place  
Look to the left, tables are turned  
Look to the right, birthday candles are burned  
Walk in the house, can't wait to eat  
My mom greets me with my favourite birthday treat

## **Christmas Prayer**

Sitting around the Christmas tree  
Decorated with love for you and me  
The type of love that all can share  
Then wish upon the star up there  
And end the night with a silent prayer  
For all the people everywhere

## **The Invitation**

Welcome to my humble home  
Come in and see my ceiling dome  
There's lots to do for you and me  
We are all friends and family  
So come on in and share our meal  
Our invitation is warm and real  
After that we'll sit a spell  
Until it's time to say farewell





*Ashley*

*Brown-Lacarte*

*Grade 6*



## **Rose Petals**

Flower petals fall behind  
then a thought comes to mind  
a rose shows love's power  
more than any other flower

## **The Slide**

I'm going down a windy slide  
Twisting left then twisting right  
By the time I'm done this ride  
It'll feel like I'm in flight  
I hope to see the bottom soon  
I really miss my best friend  
I'm getting dizzy, must not swoon  
Have to hold on till the end  
Finally vaguely I can see  
My friend is waiting there  
As the bottom surprises me  
And I slide off without care

## **When Angels Fly**

When Angels fly  
The ocean's cry  
For when they sing  
Great joy they bring

## **Winter**

A winter breeze flows through the air  
And children play without a care  
There is not a winter day  
Where these kids will not play

## **Dreams**

Dreams aren't always of happiness  
So please remember this  
If a nightmare troubles your mind  
Dreams are not always kind



*Ashley*

*Sauve*

*Grade 8*



## **Aura**

Stars strive to be seen  
As bands pulse across the sky  
Swelling above the tree tops  
Spreading to horizons  
The lights below seem dim  
When compared to this aura  
Dancing on night's fabric

## **Autumn Never Sleeps**

Leaves fall to the pond below,  
to drift upon its moonlit surface  
like a multi-coloured collage  
Stars awaken to kiss the night sky  
A howl pierces the silence,  
Fireflies strobe like beacons  
in the crisp night air  
Autumn never sleeps!

## **Cry of Sorrow**

Red and blue lights flash  
Fearing the worst  
Sobbing is heard in the night  
A family holds vigil  
Dreading the call  
That their loved one passed

## Mythical Spirits

Shadows splayed  
Beneath the tree  
Dancing to a melody  
Children sway in play  
A wolf's soft step  
An owl's sudden cry  
A warning does belie  
As danger crept  
Towards young laughter  
Unaware of its deceit  
No imprints at their feet  
To vanish in thereafter  
Shadows splayed  
Beneath the tree  
Dancing to a melody  
Where spirits often played

## Spring

The sun peeking  
through the clouds  
trying to brighten the day  
children playing in the  
remnants of last night's rain  
I take a breath  
tasting the wind  
the sun strikes like beams  
glistening  
glowing with a beauty unsurpassed  
birds soar like angels  
gliding on the sunbeams  
laughter of young children  
the joy of  
Spring

## **Standing Strong**

Proud and tall  
I shall stand  
Not to suffer  
A bully's hand  
They thrive on weakness  
And children's fear  
Laughing loudly  
At other's tears  
If you stand strong  
And not back down  
It's the bully's turn  
To wear a frown

## **The Stage**

Dancing softly  
In the night  
Feet drifting  
To its magic

Laughter rings  
In happiness  
As they sway  
To music's pulse

The moon, like a  
Spotlight glistening  
Upon the ground  
Their living stage





*Audrey*

*Peter's*

*Grade 3*



## **Easter Eggs**

Easter eggs  
Hidden one by one  
Brightly coloured  
Easter eggs are fun  
Especially Easter egg hunts

## **June**

In June  
Birds sing  
Flowers bloom  
Green leaves  
Warm sun  
Lilacs scent  
Strawberries plump  
Swimming pools fill  
My birthday  
Hooray!!!



*Bella*

*Toney*

*Grade 7*



## **Awakes**

Raking the ground of old autumn leaves  
Birds build in the fresh budding trees  
Flowers sprouting from long green stalks  
Cool spring breezes follows on our walk  
Children playing across the lake  
Once again Mother Earth awakes

## **Denial 's Just A River**

Now you're lying  
Denying  
All the stuff you did to me  
The words that broke me  
Are tattooed to your lips  
Never to be taken back!

## **Grandma's Garden**

Deep red petals  
Soft green leaves  
Prickly thorns  
Rustle in the breeze  
In Grandma's garden

## **Summer Breeze**

Soft summer sun  
Warm, enticing and bright  
Cool calm waters  
Caressed by the winds  
Birch trees stand tall and proud  
Swaying in the breeze  
Dancing by the lake

## **Summer**

Summer sun  
Green grass  
Cool waters  
Children laughing  
Smiling  
Playing at the lake  
Summer

## **When The Moon Is Full**

Shadows in the distance  
Dancing around a fire  
Chanting into the wind  
Birch trees tremble in the breeze  
And grass sways in rhythmic waves  
Wolves enter the clearing  
Pawing to the beat of the Celtic music  
Nature's symphony  
Pixie-like laughter rings out  
As flames dance on the logs  
Slowly morphing from a crackling flame  
Into blinking embers  
The music dies  
As does the dancing  
The wolves retreat  
And the Laughter stops



*Brock*

*Manseau*

*Grade 6*



## **A Little song Of Christmas**

(to the tune of the Cobalt song)

Let us sing a little song of Christmas  
The real meaning we won't dismiss  
Oh, you Christmas the best season that we know  
Where all the bells are ringing  
And people they are singing  
Oh you Christmas  
When Jesus Christ was born  
You can talk about old Santa  
And gifts and toys and more  
But really it's about Jesus  
And the night that He was born  
It's about giving not receiving  
It's a feeling in your heart  
About family, friends and those you love  
About those that are a part

## **Christmas Presents**

Shiny paper,  
Pretty bows,  
Christmas tags,  
Under the tree you go!

Something for dad.  
Something for mom.  
Something for me?  
I wonder who from?

A special gift,  
just for me  
but I have to wait  
until Christmas morn to see!





*Brocklyn*

*Tysick*

*Grade 5*



## **Dancing Colours**

Brown, red, yellow and gold  
Fall colours begin to unfold  
Floating softly from the trees  
Dancing lightly in the breeze

## **Jack**

One day I was eating a snack  
While looking in my Pokémon pack  
For homework from Mrs. Mack  
But then I got a pain in my back  
So I sat and played with my race car track  
With my very best friend, Jack

## **Kayden**

My best friend  
Bubbly personality  
Crazy actions  
Funky expressions  
Helps me with my lessons

## **My Special Valentines**

Valentines Day celebrates love

Parents are the purest love

They love me unconditionally

They care for me and protect me

They keep me safe

They guide and nurture me

They teach me about God and Faith

My parents love me and I love them

Happy Valentines Day Mom & Dad

## **Puppies**

Soft and cuddly

Cute and sweet

Mischievous and loving

Fluffy and fast

Playing fetch

So much fun

I love puppies

And they love me too

## **The Dream**

A soft whisper in my ear  
I see myself in the mirror  
Close my eyes and what do I see  
A ghost heading straight for me  
I think he'll catch me so it seems  
BOOM!!! I wake up... it was just a dream

## **You and I**

So many hungry, on the street  
Give them something good to eat  
Staving children all around  
Making mournful, pleading sounds  
On the sidewalk, night and day  
Cold and lonely as they lay  
We can change this if we try  
It all begins with you and I



*Callista*

*Laffrenier*

*Grade 5*



## **My Bat**

My bat's name is Nat

Nat ate a rat named Pat

Now Nat is a fat bat

I also have a cat

That has a hat

Her name is honey

She is so funny

She ate the bat

That ate the rat

She is so fat

I took her hat

But I still love my cat

## Silly Billy

Silly Billy was so silly  
His little sister's name was Lilly  
His favourite letter was Y  
He thought about Y as he looked at the sky  
Silly Billy had a tie  
Who knows why  
The tie was around his neck  
When he wore his tie he listened to the woodpecker peck



*Cassandra*

*Hearn*

*Grade 6*





## **I Wish Upon A Star**

When I wish upon a star  
And dream of a place, both near and far  
Where sugar-plumbs dance on the grass  
And cotton clouds like smoky glass  
Hold up the stars I wish upon  
And make me feel that I belong  
Cradled in the pre-dawn sky  
Until morning opens up its eye  
And whisper back in gentle song  
“I’ll be the star you wish upon”

## **Niki**

My favorite dog Niki,  
You’re always so picky  
If I give you bananas or ketchup  
You’ll just turn your nose up  
You run after your little blue ball  
You chase it right down the hall  
Your scared to jump over a log  
But Niki, you’re my favorite dog!!!!

## **Mom & Dad**

To my 2 best Valentines  
You are always there for me  
And keep me safe from harm  
You help me with homework  
Your love is unconditional  
I just want to say that  
I love you both very much  
Happy Valentines Day

## **Norma**

You are such a special nurse  
It is for you I write this verse  
We're going to miss your smile each day  
The funny little things you say  
How nice you treated all your friends  
How on your help we could depend  
Dayshift will not be the same  
Without hearing them page your name

## School

I can't believe it's finally here  
I've been waiting for it all year

My heart pumps to the tick of the clock  
Then suddenly it's beating stops

A bell screeches through my ears  
That makes my eyes go to tears

As I get up to pack my stuff  
I start feeling real tuff

Cause I feel really cool  
I survived another year at School

## The Pinkie Toe

I don't know why we have it  
It gets stubbed and you say dang-nabit

It's there for no good reason  
It gets hurt about every season

The nail's too tiny to paint

That's why I just hate it  
Don't you know what it is

That little pinkie tiny toe



*Emma*

*Purdy*

*Grade 4*



## **Emma Browne**

Emma Browne  
Is very cool  
She's my best friend  
At my school  
She always helps others  
We're never apart  
Emma Browne  
Has a big heart

## **Rainbows**

Rainbows are beautiful  
With their nice colours  
They sparkle and dance  
Like they're having fun  
Rainbows make you smile  
As they arc to the ground

## **A Day At The Cottage**

My Day At The Cottage

I spend catching frogs

Find time to go fishing

Then swing on a rope

And end my day

With a nice picnic lunch

## **Dogs**

Dogs are furry

Soft and cuddly

If I had one

I'd name him Buddy

## **Fugie**

Fugie is our bird

He acts very funny

And always keeps food

Stored in his tummy



*Emma*

*Sauve*

*Grade 5*



## **I Believe**

I sit here every night  
Staring at the moon so bright  
Hoping, hearing, listening, afar  
To the silent blinking stars  
I sit here silently  
Searching the sky  
Then something happens  
What's that way up high  
Is that some reindeer  
Is that Santa I spy?

## **Stage Fright**

The spotlight is on me  
It's my time to speak  
But my voice is gone  
I am tempted to run





*Emma*

*Browne*

*Grade 3*



## **If I Were A Magician**

If I Were A Magician  
I would be smart  
I would change the world  
Make wars stop  
Get rid of hatred  
All are God's children  
Make all live in peace  
If I were a magician  
I would!!

## **In A Child's Eyes**

In A Child's Eyes  
When they look at a beautiful flower  
They can see the colour, smell and beauty  
When you look through a child's eyes  
At a bird, it looks like a jet soaring across the sky  
When a child sees a candy store  
It looks so colourful, sweet and it feels like they're in Candyland!  
In a child's eyes things look much different than in an adult's eyes

## **My Mom Is Special**

My mom is special  
Both night and day  
She makes me giggle  
When I don't want to play  
She makes me feel better  
When I'm in pain  
When she makes cookies  
I just can't refrain  
There are so many ways  
That I can thank her  
But the very best way  
Is simply to hug her

## **Love**

Love is an angel's smile  
Love is when an angel touches you  
Love is giving flowers on Valentine's Day  
Love is like a winter blizzard  
Love is a mother's love  
Maybe love is a present at Christmas  
Love is anything and everything

## **There's A Monster In My Closet**

There's A Monster In My Closet

Is he a ferocious or a friendly

He must be ferocious

Because he's chasing me

If the monster is really hungry

He might try to take a bite of me

There's monster in my closet

Snoring really loud and clear

Maybe I should put my fluffy ear-muffs on

And pretend that he's not there

I really don't like

That ferocious monster, not one bit

Maybe if I give a cookie....

There's a monster in my closet

That loves cookies!



*Kayden*

*Beairsto*

*Grade 5*



## **Christmas Surprise**

Wake up rubbing my eyes

It's 7:am!

I go downstairs

Glass of water

Look at the tree

Surprise Santa and elves

I run to get my parents

Drag them to the tree

No Santa or elves

Was I dreaming?

## **Christmas**

At Christmas you're excited

for toys candy and Santa

what you should feel is

love, friendship, caring,

warmth, Jesus and family

because that is the true

meaning of Christmas

## **Recipe For Christmas**

A sprinkle of love

A pinch of laughter

A cup of light

A spoon of giving

A half-cup of that ginger bread feeling

A tea spoon of kindness

Mix all ingredients

Hug for 2 minutes

Let stand for the entire season

Merry Christmas

## **Winter**

Winter is snow

That's what I know

Winter is fun

From head to toe

Winter is here

With snowman and skates

Laughing children

Isn't it great

Bring it on Winter!!!!





*Kianna*

*Moore*

*Grade 6*



## **Snowman**

Top-hat, tails and a carrot nose  
A big round belly that hides his toes  
The bluest buttons for his eyes  
A band of liquorice for a tie  
My snowman wears the newest style  
I hope he stays around a while

## **Winter**

Snowflakes falling  
On my nose  
There to rest  
In gentle pose  
As I glide down  
The icy hill  
The wind gives me  
A sudden chill  
Then to the house  
We all race  
To get hot chocolate  
And fill our face



*Lyndsay*

*Caron*

*Grade 6*



## **Oh Jolly Tree**

Oh jolly tree,  
so bright,  
so colourful  
so beautiful to me!

You make my house stand out  
with glimmering light you shine  
Oh jolly tree,  
It's Christmas time!

## **Skipping**

Jump in, jump out  
Turning the rope  
Singing a song  
That's what it's all about  
Lots of people who are friends  
Having fun  
That's what it's all about

## **Easter**

Colourful Easter eggs

Chocolate bunnies

Straw-filled baskets

Easter Bunny

Easter egg hunts

Lots of goodies

Enough fun

For everyone



*Morgan*  
*Van Wetten*  
*Grade 6*



## **Amy**

You're peppy  
You're fun  
Our new friendship  
Has hit a home run  
I can honestly say  
You are a great friend  
You're awesome and funny  
Our friendship won't end

## **Katie**

You're my very best friend  
Since we were in grade four  
A friendship without end  
Never a closed door  
You've moved so far away  
We cannot laugh and play  
Or say hello each day  
Nor play along the way  
You have the cutest laughter  
You have the sweetest smile  
But mostly what I'm after  
Is to be with you again a while

## **Nature**

The meadow

The trees

Soft shadows

Buzzing bees

It's all nature

With flowers

Flowing waters

Such power

## **Winter**

Wind of winter, cold it blows  
Not long to wait before it snows

Drinking hot chocolate to keep us warm  
Playing in the snow before the storm

Winter's fun, even though it is cold  
Pick up a snowball, too cold to hold





*Sabrina*

*Neddo*

*Grade 3*



## Missy

I had a dog  
Her name was Missy  
A fluffy brown  
And white ball of fur  
She took a seizure  
Passed away quickly  
I really miss her  
The way that we played

## There Is A Monster In My Closet

There's a monster in my closet  
Could he be a bunny  
Perhaps smart and funny  
He sounds very vicious  
But I think he likes kisses  
So I will give him a peck  
Right on his blue neck  
So he won't scare me  
An perhaps leave me be

## **My Only Sister**

Your kisses are nice  
And hugs are special  
You're my only sister  
    Let's sit down  
    And have a talk  
    About how much  
    You mean to me  
You're always kind  
    And care for me  
    To guide me true  
And save me wrong  
    So please always  
    Be there for me  
And forever share  
    Our special bond  
    You and me

### **If I Were A Snowflake**

If I Were A Snowflake  
I would be wet  
I wouldn't like to be wet  
Because I would be cold  
If I hit the ground  
I would stick to other snowflakes  
When a child looks at me  
I bet they think I am  
As beautiful as a butterfly

### **Love Is**

Love is spending time  
with your family and friends  
Maybe having supper  
or lunch together  
Love is when two birds  
Get together and sing a lullaby

### **Bully**

You call me a clown  
Then push me down  
You boss me around  
Now I wear a frown



*Sarah*

*Eckert*

*Grade 8*



## Spring

Finally, finally spring has sprung,  
If the bees come out hopefully I won't get stung,  
Flowers blooming  
Rain clouds looming  
Running with my umbrella and boots  
Zipping up my rain suit  
I'm really glad winter's gone,  
Every morning birds chirp into song,  
No more snowflakes fall on me,  
Leaves blossom on once awakening trees,  
Spring has come pretty late this year,  
But I'm just glad spring is here.

## Tears

There is a reason that I cry all the time,  
The days seem grey, the sun doesn't shine,  
The teasing, the tears, I really hate it all,  
Is there a reason that I can't stand tall?  
I don't know why, people pick on me,  
But I want them to stop, I want to be free,  
Why does everyone act the same?

They wear the same clothes and think uncool things are lame,  
My tears fall most every day,  
These people should stop, I want them to pay,  
But of course this isn't right,  
I shouldn't want to pick a fight,  
But I don't know what to do,  
Which path is false or true?

I sit on the ground, my head between my knees,  
Thinking: Where's the happiness in my life? What are the keys?  
I know before I cry my eyes get really shiny,

## Tears

Continued

I sit on the ground, I feel so very tiny,  
Just one tease gives me a twinge of fret,  
Now my face is red, my eyes feeling wet,  
And again my tears fall  
Because I can't stand tall



## Winter

Not everyone likes winter  
because it's so cold  
when we come in with wet cold feet  
we're the ones they scold  
freezing, sleepless nights  
from winter we sometimes get into fights  
but winter has some good things too  
like snowball fights and ice skating  
those are things you can do  
so Winter isn't so bad  
even if it makes you sad  
because when all the snow melts  
and when we stop all the shovelling  
we come to a season called  
SPRING!

## She

It just seemed to start at the very beginning

Now it looks like she's always winning

She picks on me

She laughs at me

I used to think she was my friend

But now, I know, it was all pretend

I have to tell her to leave me alone

Of her constant nagging I have now outgrown

I'm not going to stand there and let her talk about me

And now you know how it will be

I'll have to stop her, I'll find a way

Or else this problem will not go away

## No Limits

Nature knows no limits  
Of what may be achieved  
The measure of each confine  
Stayed by what you believe



Adaptation knows no boundary  
Necessity will find a way  
Recognize the problem  
Afford it no dismay

Minds can work miracles  
Allow them to run free  
It will only seem impossible  
To those who cannot see

Brian Beaudry