

Grade 3-5

Poetry

1st Place

Timothy S.

Do not Teach Your Pets Kung-Fu

My puppy punched me in the eye,

My rabbit wacked my ear.

My guinea pig gave me a frightful cry,

My parrot kicked my rear.

My lizard flipped me upside-down,

My ferret hit my head.

My hamster has knocked me down,

And left me nearly dead.

So I called the vet,

But the vet might be sleeping.

Because its bedtime I bet,

So I spent the night weeping.

And a new day started,

And I called the vet,

And said my pets are zero-hearted.

So I put them into a net,

Brought my pets to the vet,

But it did not work.

So do not teach your pets kung-fu,

You may be half-dead too.

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2nd Place

Emilia F. M.

A Light in a Storm

The snow piles higher and higher
But, wait- what's that light in the storm?

You're about to see
What the light may be
And your heart feels forlorn

The light grows closer and closer

You're scared to see what may be
While the snow closes in
it's about to begin
And you're trying to get free

You're becoming colder and colder
Lost in snowy creation
The light draws near
It's your worst fear
Or maybe your salvation

You hope it's not the first
As the world begins to spin
You're cold and alone

You bolt up with surprise
And open your eyes
Hugging your blankets and bear

A relieved sigh escapes your lips
As you look around the room
It's all the same
Nothing has changed
And you're safe from a snowy tomb.

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3rd Place

Emilia F. M.

Quite chilled to the bone

And night is closing in

You feel you're getting sleepy

But you don't want to sleep from fright

A call through the snow

your heart sinks below

And still advances the light

When the light stops close and flickers

The voice comes through once more

It echoes your name

Again the same

Now the snow begins to roar

It calls imploring still

And you feel more drawn to it

But frozen in place

In a great snowy space

Your heart feels like an empty pit

A hand reaches out with a flash

You're covered up in despair

A drop of love

A hint of kind

A pinch of sweet

Some charity

And a dash of neat

That's generosity