

Robert Frost Poetry Contest for Kids and Teens

First Place

Lucy Kiel (age 12)

Two Types of Mountains

Are mountains as dangerous as you think?
Actually, think about it.
Does it make you think of snowblink?
Are they calm?
Mount Everest? Denali? Aconcagua?
They are dangerous high mountains,
Crazy snow coming out like fountains,
One small step in the wrong direction,
You're out of safe protection,
But you would be wrong,
Mountains are calm,
They make you feel free,
No one can judge you up there,
Can't you agree?
It feels safe,
It feels comforting,
You can finally breathe,
Allowing you to get everything off your chest,
Mountains are pretty, and look super nice,
Depends on who you are,
Are mountains good or bad?
People like me, look at mountains twice.

[Read backwards up now]

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Second Place

Jalynn Barreto (age 12)

Lilac

"Lilac's are my favorite flower"
At least they used to be ...
I can't even look at them anymore
My mother
Right before she passed
Gave me a lilac
"Hold on to it"
"As you had held on to me all these years"
But what could she have meant?
After all these years
She had been healthy
Or at least I thought
Tomorrow is her funeral
Me, holding the lilac
The lilac she told me to hold on to
Is that what she meant?
The almost dead lilac
Brought back a memory
Running through the lilac field
Grabbing handfuls
To give to my mom
The memory
Made me tear up
I held on to my mom
But maybe
Just maybe
Not tight enough

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Third Place

Izabella Rodriguez (age 10)

Erasure/blackout poem [Finally! You made it]

Finally! You made it!

The beginning is
a good place to start.

Explore
wilderness.

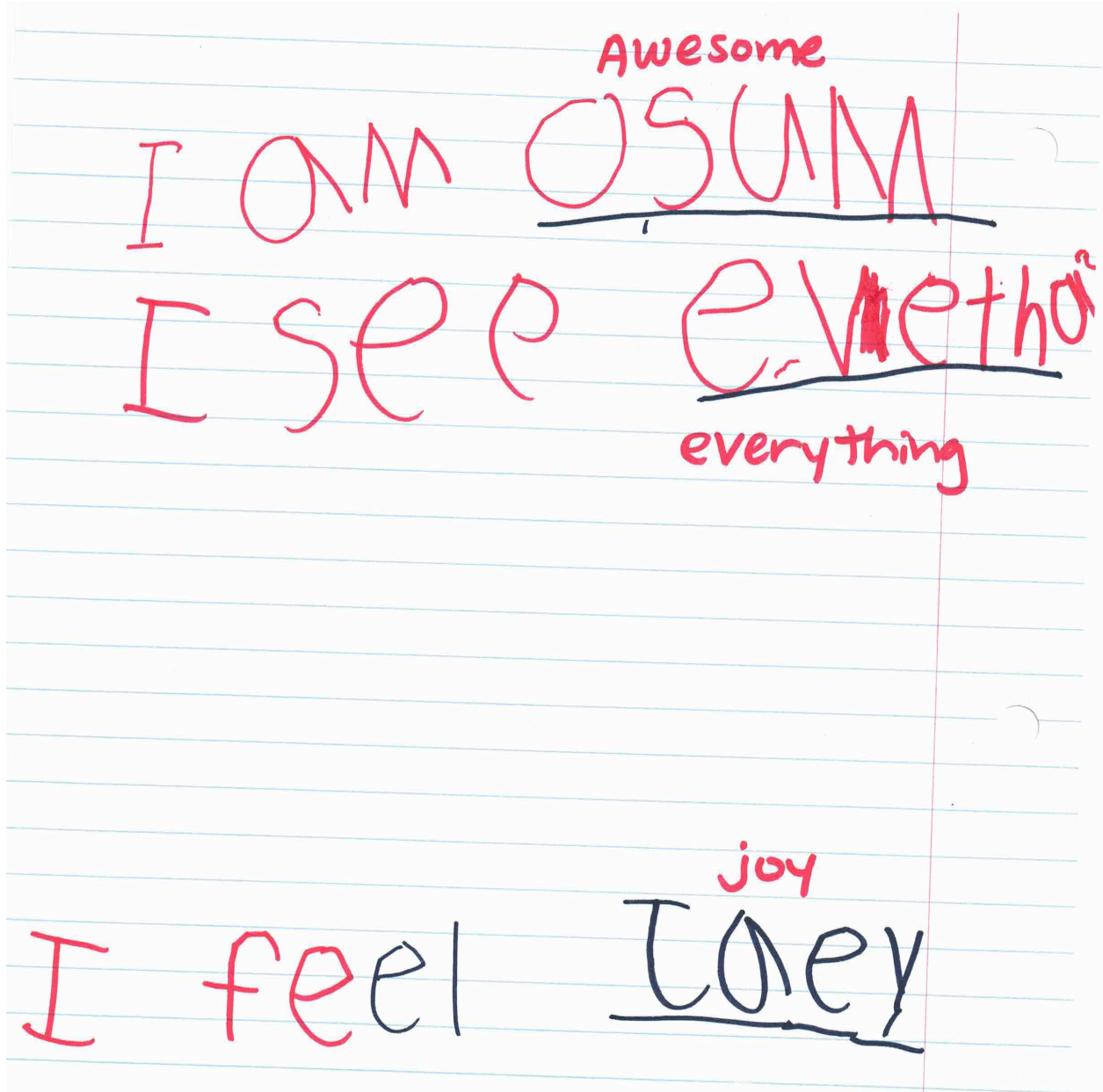
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Honorable Mention

Gunnar Bartlett (age 6)

I'm Osum.



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Honorable Mention

Caroline Jackson (age 6)

Everything Rhymes

I saw a hamster in a teal wheel.

Eating a meal.

You can kneel while eating an orange peel with zeal.

You can swim with an eel.

I heard of a seal making a real deal!

And that's the way I feel.

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Honorable Mention

Charlotte Jackson (age 7)

Dancing Llamas

Let's party!

Dancing llamas they dance and prance and they doodle and poodle around.

Dance dance dance. Wow!

Dance dance dance. Now!

Uh, oh, it's getting late.

Come on llamas, it's time to go to bed.

Sleep, sleep, sleep.

A new day is coming.