Selected Haiku Poetry

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Grade 11, Loch Raven High School
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Introduction

The four winning poems of the 2022 Team BCPS Haiku Contest address aging, grieving, the war in Ukraine, and the pressure to succeed and meet others’ expectations.

A record 2,445 entries were received from 111 schools, centers, and programs – including the Virtual Learning Program. Students from every grade level interpreted the theme “dream” in myriad ways. While many students wrote about the nature of dreams and nightmares, other shared memories of favorite places and activities and visions of beauty and joy. Some students envisioned that they might become wealthy as athletes and YouTubers, while others expressed their hopes for peace, equity, and justice.

We have tremendous appreciation for our educators, who encourage students to give haiku a try each March. Our panel of judges was charged with the arduous task of choosing just one contest winner at each school level. After a lengthy debate, a panel of judges selected elementary, middle, and high school winners. For the first time in the contest’s history, there was a tie.

**Elementary School Winner**
Juliet Wentzell, Grade 5, Mays Chapel Elementary School

**Middle School Winner**
David Yuan, Grade 7, Ridgely Middle School

**High School Winners**
Grace O’Neill, Grade 11, Hereford High School & Yen Pan, Grade 10, Catonsville High School

Each winner earned gifts from The Charmery and The Ivy Bookshop and a framed poster of their haiku from BCPS.
Contest judges included staff from the Office of English Language Arts, the Department of Communications and Community Outreach, and the Employee Assistance Program as well as the following award-winning student writers:

- Raja Arvin of Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts
- Amelia Clark of Hereford High School
- Yakhare Gueye of Perry Hall High School
- Josephine Halushka of George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology
- Allie Hill of Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts
- Amna Maqsood of Towson High School
- Naia Smith of Dulaney High School

All entries are judged blindly (without any identifying information about the writer), and haiku being considered for prizes are checked to ensure they are original works.

An additional 130 haiku were chosen by the judges to compile this book. Student artwork was selected to complement each section of the book.

The Haiku Contest is only possible because of the support and enthusiasm of BCPS teachers and students. We celebrate and honor our writers and artists for their contributions, and we hope you enjoy this book.

* Please note that poems are presented as submitted, without corrections to writers’ spelling and grammar.
Elementary School Winner
2022 Team BCPS Haiku Poetry Contest

I have a dream, where
when I am old I am loved
same as I am now.

*Juliet Wentzell, Grade 5*
*Mays Chapel Elementary School*
*Teacher: Stephanie Stefanik*
Middle School Winner

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“What?” my mother gasped.
“How will you make a living?
Go, be a doctor.”

David Yuan, Grade 7
Ridgely Middle School
Teacher: Veronica Pessaro
High School Winners
2022 Team BCPS Haiku Poetry Contest

Oh what I would give
To see your face once again
When I am awake

*Grace O’Neill, Grade 11*
*Hereford High School*
*Teacher: Jennifer Houseknecht*
How did I get here?
There’s nuclear war outside.
But I’m playing cards.

Yen Pan, Grade 10
Catonsville High School
Teacher: Marie Thrailkill
Wake up, and it's gone.

Art: Vivian Orta,
Grade 11, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology
Wake up, and it’s gone.
Perhaps forever erased,
a faint memory.

Kevin Weng, Grade 7
Ridgely Middle School
Teacher: Veronica Pessaro

when i wake from dreams,
i dont want to leave, for i
fret i will forget.

zoey drane, Grade 6
Dumbarton Middle School
Teacher: Caitlin Clark

Vacant colors flee
Outlandish dreams are ruined
As I wake from sleep

Joseph Odiegwu, Grade 7
Deer Park Middle Magnet School
Teacher: Jennifer Auferio
Dreams: some dark and light
When day strikes, they fade away
And comes a new day

Andrew Tracy, Grade 5
Stoneleigh Elementary School
Teacher: Kimberly Sturkey

Dreams flushed far away
To be found never again
Still in the darkness

Fiyinfoluwa Ogunbodede, Grade 5
Shady Spring Elementary School
Teacher: Christina Mclaughlin

Hazy memories
Mixed with thoughts made by magic
Dismissed by morning

Penelope Weir, Grade 7
Ridgely Middle School
Teacher: Veronica Pessaro
I lived a lifetime
But every second, I know
I’ll rise and forget

Will Taylor, Grade 10
Franklin High School
Teacher: Timothy Showalter

Stardust, infinite
I float above the clouds but
Life tugs at my hand

Mercy Nwachukwu, Grade 11
Parkville High School
Teacher: Virginia Richard

Dreams are endless lies
a escape from the dark truth
a empty promise

Nyu Shakya, Grade 7
Virtual Learning Program
Teacher: Joan Haggery
Grasped tight in my palm,
I open my eyes to see
but a wisp of smoke.

_Graham TerBeek, Grade 6_
_Dumbarton Middle School_
_Teacher: Stacie Elliott_

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So real but so fake,
Far Beyond reality,
Just then, You wake up.

_Ethyn Street, Grade 7_
_Deep Creek Middle School_
_Teacher: Casey Lane_

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Dreams don’t stay the same
Like grocery bags in wind
Shifting but not gone

_Charlotte Peacock, Grade 6_
_Arbutus Middle School_
_Teacher: Gail Gast_
The vivid message
Warping, shifting silhouettes
Waking, trapped in truth

Joel Hawley-Brillante, Grade 5
West Towson Elementary School
Teacher: Erin Rossetti

My eyes feel heavy
The world whispers so softly
What world am I in?

Annabelle Kroart, Grade 6
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Sara Mcshane

torrential rain, pounds
daisies, whisper happily
rumpled sheets, tired mind

Rebecca Madsen, Grade 11
Dulaney High School
Teacher: Meekah Hopkins
Hopes, Dreams, and Desires,
All together, they conspire
Until Light cracks through

*Matt Jacobs, Grade 11*
*Dulaney High School*
*Teacher: Meekah Hopkins*

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Behold, the brave knight!
His sword raised whilst beasts stagger
At last thrash, dream ends

*Amerion Derissaint, Grade 10*
*Catonsville High School*
*Teacher: Michael Hopkins*

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We escape in dreams,
Begging to stay evermore,
Waking to dull lives.

*Olivia Catanzariti, Grade 10*
*Sparrows Point High School*
*Teacher: Allison Jackson*
Resting but wakeful
left in cold forgotten depths
quite thoughts where sleep dwells

Evangeline Rowe, Grade 5
Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School
Teacher: Christopher Shiel
Sand between your toes

Art: Erica Gaitanos,
Grade 2, Orems Elementary School
Sand between your toes
orange Sunset on the beach
Waves crashing on shore

Lamont Thompson, Grade 5
Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School
Teacher: Chris Shiel

Surfing all day long
The sound of waves so peaceful
Flying through water

Zolie Houseknecht, Grade 5
Sparks Elementary School
Teacher: Coralea Tarlton

It is hot July
eating crabs and on the beach
in my bathing suit

Reilly Fitzgerald, Grade 5
Sparks Elementary School
Teacher: Corjie Tarlton
Sipping lemonade
Days lounging next to the pool
I dream of summer

Ava Kim, Grade 7
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Katherine Gent
Jumping on pink clouds

Art: Genesis Barrolle,
Grade 5, Wellwood Elementary School
Jumping on pink clouds
Ice skating on lemonade
Dreams are like magic

*Kylie Jacobson, Grade 6
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Sara McShane*

sitting on a cliff
sunshine glowing on my face
this is beautiful

*Conor Lawrie, Grade 3
Prettyboy Elementary School
Teacher: Sherilyn Hale*

with a dream I see
myself with my family
my dream is a wish

*Joyce Akinyemi, Grade 5
Glenmar Elementary School
Teacher: Rebecca Dunkin*
I had a dream of
a waterfall of truth In
The land of lighting

_Jeffren Sagastume, Grade 5_
_Chase Elementary School_
_Teacher: Natasha Smith_

dark night and star light
where i start my dream of light
let your dreams be hope

_Arwa Suliman, Grade 6_
_Deer Park Middle Magnet School_
_Teacher: Scott Young_

Dreams are a blessing
The little things in our heart
But their roars are loud

_Kulnoor Bilkhu, Grade 7_
_Deer Park Middle Magnet School_
_Teacher: Jennifer Aufiero_
Clouds carry me far
Away from this broken world
Then I achieve peace

Asha Spence, Grade 12
Catonsville High School
Teacher: Marie Thrailkill

soft pillows paint me
my own sweet sparkling dreamscapes
new lives among clouds

Kate Buskirk, Grade 11
Towson High School
Teacher: Jackie Flynn

How free I would be
Dancing with the glowing stars
Never to come down.

Esme Chaney-Penthallegon, Grade 4
Padonia International
Teacher: Kate Neuman
Colors in the clouds
Dancing with the stars and moon
As day starts to dawn

Caroline Greenwood, Grade 6
Arbutus Middle School
Teacher: Ashley Richards

My utopia
Dear deluding unconscious
Come enlighten me

Safora Noor, Grade 8
Dumbarton Middle School
Teacher: Jessica De Luca

Peace is a warm breeze
that soothes your raw soul through the
night’s open windows.

Lila Bacas, Grade 12
Dulaney High School
Teacher: Meekah Hopkins
I walked on a cloud
The dream is coming true now
I feel like a god

Brendan Dugan, Grade 6
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Renee Hood

Like fluffy white clouds,
Float over reality,
Your own little world

Ryne Homa, Grade 3
Prettyboy Elementary School
Teacher: Melanie Mansfield

A blanket of stars
Looks down upon your body
As you dream tonight

Charlotte Daly, Grade 7
Dumbarton Middle School
Teacher: Ashley Ungvarsky
Soft pillows at dusk,
A melody of slumber,
Soaring through the air.

*Celia Finn, Grade 6
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Sara McShane*

Love, am I dreaming?
You have grasped me so softly,
Aiming for my heart.

*Natalia Venturina, Grade 7
Catonsville Middle School
Teacher: Alicia Merritt*
"child, reach for the stars"

Art: Isaac Jones,
Grade 12, Parkville High School
“child, reach for the stars”
They fail to notice my hand
grasping blazing suns

Mina Kim, Grade 11
Dulaney High School
Teacher: Meekah Hopkins

“Dream big!” says my mom
“But mom, I can’t” I reply
All of this pressure

Amelia Thawley, Grade 6
Perry Hall Middle School
Teacher: Pamela Rees

My mom says dream big
Work hard and reach for the stars
And be true to you

Adelyn Bresani, Grade 3
Westchester Elementary School
Teacher: Kristine Weber
I flip my tassel
The crowd has their eyes on me
I achieved my dream

*Jeeda Hennawi, Grade 11*
*Dulaney High School*
*Teacher: Meekah Hopkins*

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If I take the chance?
In this big world, will I win?
Will my dream come true?

*Isabella Gaitan Barrantes, Grade 8*
*Deer Park Middle Magnet School*
*Teacher: Lesean Gooden*

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Teaching is my Dream
Changing lives, giving knowledge
One brain at a time

*Cache' Brown, Grade 5*
*Owings Mills Elementary School*
*Teacher: Adam Otterbein*
“The times crushed your dreams.”
That is what they all told me.

Mindy Kim, Grade 8
Virtual Learning Program
Teacher: Jesse Dortzbach

A dream to pursue
an ambition I achieve
I will reach my goal

Minah Jeon, Grade 7
Dumbarton Middle School
Teacher: Kristy Knuppel

Unattainable.
That’s what they say, but my dreams,
Gleam brighter than day

Michelle Wang, Grade 11
Dulaney High School
Teacher: Maria Hiaasen
I run, tumble, bend
I swing high and twist to land
I reach for my dreams

Samiksha Nayak, Grade 5
Sparks Elementary School
Teacher: Coralea Tarlton

I reach for the stars,
which often elude my grasp.
Still, I reach again.

Michelle Zhang, Grade 7
Ridgely Middle School
Teacher: Veronica Ramirez

Alone in my bed
I dream of a better life
Those dreams won’t come true

Carlin Ball, Grade 6
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Sara McShane
I have one big dream
My dream is to help others
And make this place kind

*Carly Russo, Grade 4*
*Riderwood Elementary School*
*Teacher: Lynn Bollinger*

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I am still a child
Holding silly dreams in hand
Soon changing the world

*Samantha DeMeo, Grade 5*
*Jacksonville Elementary School*
*Teacher: Kimberly Kelch*

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goals shine like the sun
in your head flashing changing
flying sparks soaring

*Brady Reber, Grade 5*
*Sparks Elementary School*
*Teacher: Corjie Tarlton*
Don’t miss the simple
Signs of your dreams becoming
a reality.

Catie Grace O’Connor, Grade 7
Dumbarton Middle School
Teacher: Kristy Knuppel

A small spark of light
Inside of somebody’s mind
What gives them their dream?

Brooke Mortzheim, Grade 7
Ridgely Middle School
Teacher: Heather Harget

My dream, my life choice
My life choice is to dream big
My choice is to dream.

Oluwatomisin Ogunyemi, Grade: 5
Scotts Branch Elementary
Teacher: Tiana Barnett
Your dreams, seeds of change

Art: Jasmine Khan,
Grade 12, Loch Raven High School
Your dreams, seeds of change
Efforts, nurturing droplets
That will make them grow.

Victor Sanda, Grade 6
Ridgely Middle School
Teacher: Veronica Pessaro

We all dream at night.
But those who make them real will
always find the light.

Makayla Hare, Grade 10
Franklin High School
Teacher: Timothy Showalter

Everybody dreams.
Wake up! Take action! Be strong!
Dreamers shake the world.

Rohman Amis, Grade 5
Watershed Public Charter School
Teacher: K. De La Durantaye
All we do is dream
Dream of what life could be like
Stop dreaming act now

Milo Cleary, Grade 7
Catonsville Middle School
Teacher: Alicia Merritt

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Dreams can be in sleep
But only when awoken
Can your dreams come true

Miles Wagner, Grade 7
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Katherine Gent

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Nothing can stop me
I will pursue all my dreams
Till the day I thrive

Asmaa Saeid, Grade 8
Dundalk Middle School
Teacher: Katherine Bullock
Dreams, like rocket fuel
Hard work is like the spaceship
Be among the stars

*Mishka Katira, Grade 6*
*Ridgely Middle School*
*Teacher: Brittany Sharp*

Dancing upon clouds
Changing the world, bit by bit
For now I can dream

*Zoe Myers, Grade 5*
*Pinewood Elementary School*
*Teacher: Tara Brickley*
I dream for fairness

Art: Jacob Shamer,
Grade 11, Loch Raven High School
I dream for fairness
I will dream for no Racism
I dream for Justice

*Wisdom Dagbovie, Grade 3*
*Pine Grove Elementary School*
*Teacher: Cheryl Madden*

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I dream of a world
Where there is hope without fear
And equity rules

*Eleanor Wilson, Grade 5*
*Hillcrest Elementary School*
*Teacher: Sara Leonard*

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The world is perfect.
All have equal rights, are free.
I don’t want to wake.

*Miles TerBeek, Grade 3*
*Riderwood Elementary School*
*Teacher: Marilyn Wroblewski*
I dream of a day
where peace and security,
take place on the earth.

Jayden Roulhac, Grade 5
Chase Elementary School
Teacher: Natasha Smith

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I dream for peace and
kindness to spread like wildfires.
I will be the spark.

A.J. Farley, Grade 4
Pot Spring Elementary School
Teacher: Carey Domena
Bombs boom like fireworks

Art: Alexander Norenberg,
Grade 7, Dumbarton Middle School
Bombs boom like fireworks.
Tanks blow up jets from the ground.
Will the world have peace?

Jaiden Thomas-Gomillion, Grade 4
Oakleigh Elementary School
Teacher: Donna Goetz

When massive wars start,
I wish people would play chess.
No lives lost, no tears.

Caleb Gabrielse, Grade 4
Riderwood Elementary School
Teacher: Rebecca Kahl

Ukraine and Russia
I have a dream for Ukraine
For peace in Ukraine!

Jack Trump, Grade 3
Timonium Elementary School
Teacher: Carol Frigo
I have hopes and dreams
Dreams for Ukraine to be safe
Dreams for wars to end

*Sloane Wyatt, Grade 5
Mays Chapel Elementary School
Teacher: Tyler Baker*

War is staring soon
people are losing their homes
I hope for world peace

*Medley Cole, Grade 5
Riderwood Elementary School
Teacher: Jennifer Buchman*

Dreams of Covid gone
Dreams of Ukraine having peace
If life were a dream.

*Rian Thapa, Grade 4
Chatsworth School
Teacher: Leanna Middlekamp*
Ukraine’s sweet nation,
Hoping for peace and kindness,
We will make it through

_Caitlin Calilao, Grade 5_
_Chapel Hill Elementary School_
_Teacher: Jawann Whatley_
I eat alone now

Art: Anning Sui,
Grade 12, Dulaney High School
I eat alone now
we used to eat together
i cry more than laugh.

_Tiyon Mickey, Grade 6
Pikeville Middle School
Teacher: Diane Lane_

Every night and day
you come closer and closer
I wake without you

_Jameson Courtney, Grade 5
Glenmar Elementary School
Teacher: Rebecca Dunkin_

Forever dreaming
of when she left without me
to miss forever

_Aiden Holland, Grade 8
Holabird Middle School
Teacher: Linda Richard_
Feather-light lashes
and warm breath play on my face.
Then I wake, alone.

Stella Rose, Grade 12
Catonsville High School
Teacher: Marie Thrailkill

When I fall asleep
And I see you in my dreams
I cry full of joy

Jacob Noble, Grade 5
Martin Boulevard Elementary School
Teacher: Emilia Krulock

Grandpa raising me
when others no longer could
wishing for more time

Noah Schafferman, Grade 8
Holabird Middle School
Teacher: Linda Richard
the moon's sallow skin

Art: Abby Mummert,
Grade 12, Dulaney High School
the moon’s sallow skin
shines dull yellow on our dreams -
tainting their beauty.

Darian Briell, Grade 12
Dulaney High School
Teacher: Meekah Hopkins

The world is empty
Bitter, dark, no light to see
That’s life without dreams

Ana Laura Tosi, Grade 5
Sparks Elementary School
Teacher: Coralea Tarlton

A gold coin fell down
An old, rusty, and green well
Took my wish away

Juliana Kaszak, Grade 5
Sparks Elementary School
Teacher: Corjie Tarlton
Perhaps sleep devoid
of tensile vision is the
sweetest sleep of all.

_Isabella Briggs, Grade 12_
_Dulaney High School_
_Teacher: Meekah Hopkins_

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Sweet iridescence,
Inertia of destiny,
Dripping disturbance

_Fiona-Rose Miller, Grade 6_
_Ridgely Middle School_
_Teacher: Veronica Pessaro_

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The end of a hall.
Grass between linoleum;
wildflowers rampant.

_Gabriela Roberts, Grade 11_
_Dulaney High School_
_Teacher: Meekah Hopkins_
In a world full of nightmares, we blow out candles
In hopes of a dream.

Bree McCrary, Grade 7
Catonsville Middle School
Teacher: Alicia Merritt

American dream
parents work only to be
turned away again

Wendy Castillo, Grade 8
Holabird Middle School
Teacher: Linda Richard

the risks of coming
with nothing in their pockets
dreaming of better

Beverley Vasquez, Grade 12
Franklin High School
Teacher: Timothy Showalter
I croak in my sleep
Tell you my nightmares crush me
My voice is too low

Makenzie Catina, Grade 10
George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology
Teacher: Rebecca Mlinek

i have dreams sometimes
of my mom holding a knife
i’m never afraid

Silas Deyesu, Grade 10
George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology
Teacher: Rebecca Mlinek

Dreams are many things
They are nightmares in disguise
Dreams are everything

Rayne Bullock, Grade 7
Deer Park Middle Magnet School
Teacher: Jennifer Aufiero
At school no pants. AHHH!
i look down see my bare feet
wake up in bed. Huh?

*Kriscia Vasquez-Granados, Grade 5*

*Jacksonville Elementary School*

*Teacher: Kim Kelch*
I dream of bunnies

Art: Kiera Streck,
Grade 4, Hillcrest Elementary School
I dream of bunnies
As they swirl around my head
I wish they were mine

Rosie Halterman, Grade 4
Pot Spring Elementary School
Teacher: Carey Domena

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I like to dream of
funny things like flying dogs
and chatty felines.

Amari Lane, Grade 5
Martin Boulevard Elementary School
Teacher: Kristin Kraus

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Dreams of an eagle
Soaring possibilities
Endless azure sky

Casi Cunningham, Grade 5
Fullerton Elementary School
Teacher: Amanda Reed
My dog has good dreams
He eats food and plays in dreams
Dreams about chicken

*Ethan Kaplan, Grade 3*
*Rodgers Forge Elementary School*
*Teacher: Cathy Rickels*

A star pirouette,
And an equine in dressage,
Prancing to the beat.

*Eleanor Bradley, Grade 6*
*Hereford Middle School*
*Teacher: Sara Mcshane*

Big Blue Butterfly
What are your big sky blue dreams
Are your dreams like mine?

*Rachel Uskert, Grade 5*
*Sparks Elementary School*
*Teacher: Corjie Tarlton*
I saw a birdie
Waiting on sunlight, Wake up,
You had a dream, Love

Violeta Fedotov, Grade 4
Summit Park Elementary School
Teacher: Hope Blumenthal

Like a slow turtle
Work slowly on our best dreams
Our hard work will bloom

Logan Everhart, Grade 5
Charlesmont Elementary School
Teacher: Heather Young

I’m lying in bed,
Counting sheep, 1, 2, 3, 4,
And I fall asleep

Sonia White, Grade 4
Timonium Elementary School
Teacher: Kaitlin Lander
The snow is falling
The Oriole dreams a nest
in cherry blossoms.

Blaise Begg, Grade 2
Rodgers Forge Elementary School
Teacher: Melinda Osgood

Fluffy like a cloud.
Soft and warm like a cute cub.
Dreaming in the night.

Tha Zin Min, Grade 4
Rodgers Forge Elementary School
Teacher: Sara Lee
I dream of meatballs

Art: Paisley Mulligan,
Grade 3, Chase Elementary School
I dream of meatballs
Those delicious round meatballs
So perfect and yum.

*Taryn Heist, Grade 7
Ridgely Middle School
Teacher: Veronica Pessaro*

Tasty dunkin wish
Coffee and donuts galore
Dunkin happy me

*Caroline Flowers, Grade 5
Sparks Elementary School
Teacher: Corjie Tarlton*

Lollipops surround
Chocolate is on the ground
When sweet dreams are found

*Eloise Broome, Grade 5
Riderwood Elementary School
Teacher: Jennifer Buchman*
eyes close, doors open

Art: Allison Glaser, Grade 11, Loch Raven High School
eyes close, doors open
i enter a whole new world
it’s time to explore

Charlie Taylor, Grade 5
Sparks Elementary School
Teacher: Christie Devita

When I fall asleep
My mind wonders and ponders
until my times up

Leyton Ward, Grade 7
Arbutus Middle School
Teacher: Lynn Elliot

In sleep, there’s rebirth
bottled in dreamscapes beyond.
The breaths in between.

Jenna Nesky, Grade 10
George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology
Teacher: Rebecca Mlinik
Pursuing your dream,
Imagination blooming,
Stories come alive.

*Yulia Arshavskiy, Grade 5*
*Summit Park Elementary School*
*Teacher: Sherry Holmes*

all the dreams cycling
each one wanting to be yours
they go on and on

*Henry Mekosh, Grade 4*
*Stoneleigh Elementary School*
*Teacher: Kristine Morris*

My dreams are like songs
Flowing on a melody
And it never ends

*Harlow Scott, Grade 5*
*Hillcrest Elementary School*
*Teacher: Sara Leonard*
vision fades to black
fragmented films flood the mind
with great fantasy

Erin Weng, Grade 12
Loch Raven High School

The sound of the bounce
The trill of making the shot
Success of the hoop

Atila Kalantari, Grade 4
Mays Chapel Elementary School
Teacher: Bridget Watson

I ski down the hill
My heart pounds with excitement
Fast wind, cold air blows

Matthew Kiyatkin, Grade 4
Mays Chapel Elementary School
Teacher: Bridget Watson
I’m flying right now?
Are those flying boats and cars?
What a dream tonight!

Kenneth Molina, Grade 5
Padonia International
Teacher: Christina Covey

Inexplicable,
unexplainable and odd,
and yet quite attainable.

Abigail Bass, Grade 9
Catonsville High School
Teacher: Marie Thrailkill

I think, my thoughts swirl
inspired like fire, concepts grow
my dreams start to form

Cassie Coles, Grade 5
Red House Run Elementary School
Teacher: Heather Stewart
Dreams are a gift that
Make your head spiral with joy
happy sad daunting

*Mikayla Shephard, Grade 5
Pleasant Plains Elementary School
Teacher: Kerri Magee*

Imagination
Creates new realities
When you fall asleep

*Madeline Nerney, Grade 7
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Katherine Gent*

We all close our eyes
We see the impossible
And we call those dreams

*Lillian Seidel, Grade 5
Rodgers Forge Elementary School
Teacher: Erica Burgner-Hannum*
A blank white paper.
Endless possibilities.
What should I make it?

Gabriel Kedem, Grade 4
West Towson Elementary School
Teacher: Benjamin Rabin

As my world goes black.
Angels come to protect me.
Through the night I rest

Eamon Knight, Grade 5
Hillcrest Elementary School
Teacher: Rosemary Dillingham

Dreams are musical
Dreams, golden like a trumpet
They can change your life.

Nasir Bell, Grade 5
Owings Mills Elementary School
Teacher: Erica Gibson
Day and night we dream
In our heads, magical things
They seem oh, so real.

Lianna Lowry, Grade 5
West Towson Elementary School
Teacher: Erin Rossetti

Stars and moon shine bright
As I’m dreaming through the night
Hoping they come true

Emily Michael, Grade 7
Hereford Middle School
Teacher: Katherine Gent
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