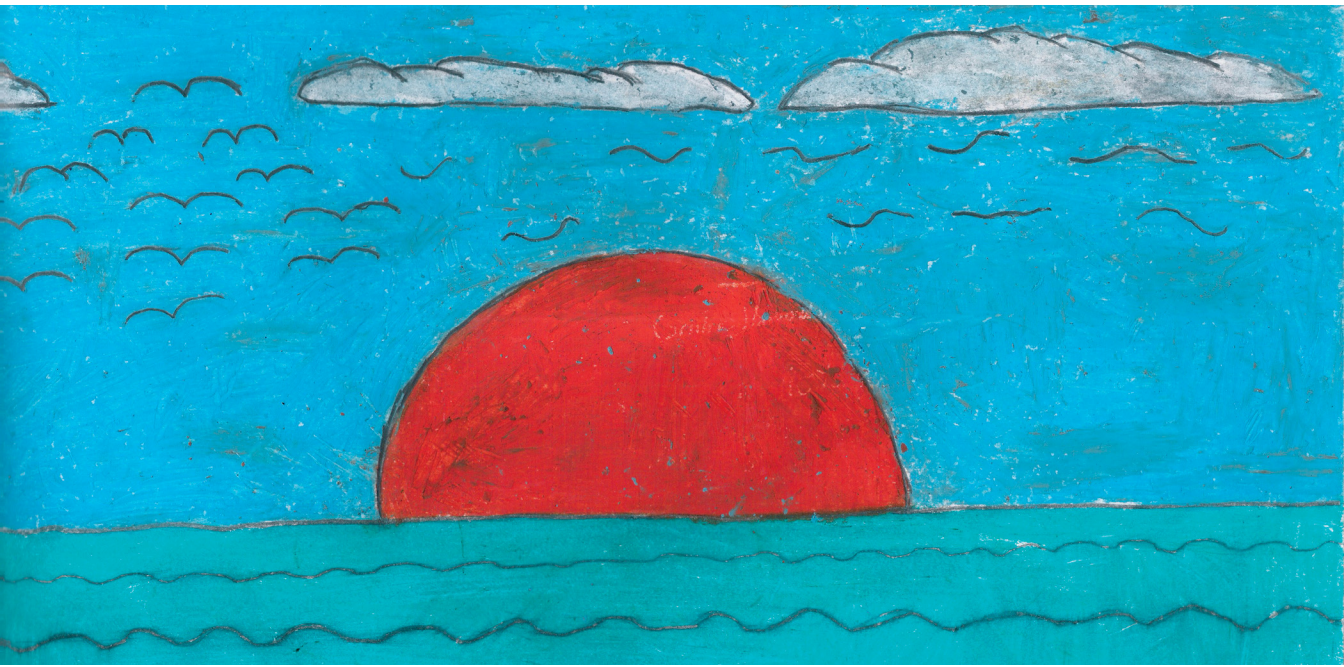


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THE BOOK

My mother brought out a cookbook
Then I started to cook, and that was
the end of my career.

LOREN ACEVES-MENDOZA

DON'T TOUCH THAT

Please don't touch that—
I've asked you once,
That's mine, not yours.
So don't touch that please.

CARSON B. CANON

MENTIONING MAGICIANS

When I mention magicians,
I make my motions and potions correct.

ANNE CHAIKA

BLOOMING

The flowers are blooming of
joy. The bees are flying in
laughter. And the sky has
a rainbow of happiness.

CARISSA GONZALEZ

PEN

Pen, why do you run
out of ink? Right when
I am using you, you die.

DYLAN GORMAN

SNOW

Glitters in the light of the sun.

Cold as the ice.

White as a cloud.

Beautiful the soft snow is.

ALINE HERNANDEZ

WHAT?

Fly flies.

Cheetah runs.

What do I
do to have some fun?

THIEN HYUNH



BRRING

Brring! Brring!
Hear the telephone ring.
Roll under my bed—must be my friend.
I'm late again.

MEGAN KOHOUT

WASTELAND OF FEAR

The wasteland,
The next generation of fear
as terror moves out of the shadow
and into the light of day.

DILLON LUMEN

FIRE

I saw black fire
roaring in the night.
It was burning my house
so I ran with fright.

AARON LY

ELEMENTS

Thunder booming, Fire burning.
Water flowing, Rocks falling.
These can be dangerous.

CONNOR MARSHALL

NEW YEAR

When they march along the road,
Drums and trumpets ring through the air
as young and old stare.

ABBY MCGOWAN

PENCIL

Yellow wooden pencil,
I use a stencil to draw
with you.

GRACIE NORTHRUP

Me and my bunny
were walking together
on the sidewalk,
laughing.



ANGER

*Anger is in anyone
like a bomb setting off.*

AUSTIN REYES

BUTTERFLY

*As I came out of my silk prison
I spread my wings for the first time,
My first flight.*

MEGAN SARYGIN

CONFLICT

Why school, why not school?
Why isn't it fun, why is it fun?
I don't know, ah but I do ...

GAVIN SCOUTEN

WINDOW

Window I look outside every day,
Sometimes its really boring.
I look when I can't play,
Now I'm just ignoring.

SANJEET SINGH

FROM DAWN TO EVENING

From dawn to evenings
shall birds sing.
Till dusk, the oceans sleep
an endless slumber.

KAELAN SKIMHORN

FALL

Leaves turn from green
to orange, piles of
leaves lay on the ground
for children to play.

KENNEDY STEINKELLNER

TREES HURT

I was running
until I hit a tree.
I was bleeding
until I got a bandaid.

JOHN YOKON



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BIOS

The cover art for this issue is by **Sanjeet Singh**.

Loren Aceves-Mendoza is ten years old. He tried cooking, but it didn't work out. It inspired him to make a poem about what happened. He likes X-Box 360 and dogs.

Carson B. Canon lives in Vancouver, Washington. Carson is eleven years old. His favorite poems to write are poems that rhyme. Carson's a fifth grader with many hobbies.

Anne Chaika is a ten-year-old girl who likes writing and competition. She likes after-school activities. She also enjoys talking in third person, even when she doesn't have to.

Dylan Gorman loves to play, watch, and write about sports. He is ten years old and loves skating.

Carissa Gonzalez is eleven years old. This is her first time publishing a *Four and Twenty* poem. She loves to watch TV and loves to play X-Box 360.

Aline Hernandez is an eleven-year-old girl who likes to read and write and doesn't like rope at all. She also likes artwork.

Thien Hyunh is ten years old. He likes to play active games. He also likes to be regular, too.

Megan Kohout is very energetic. She loves reading, horses, Harry Potter, and big explosions. She is eleven.

Dillon Lumen is eleven years old. He enjoys drawing, and he likes to play X-Box 360. He hates scissors.

Aaron Ly lives in Vancouver, Washington, is ten years old, and likes to play his PlayStation 3.

Connor Marshall is a ten-year-old boy who loves to write fiction and play video games. He enjoys writing poetry and reading.

Abby McGowan loves reading long books and is eleven years old. She loves writing poems for fun. She was born in Sweden, and has lived in America for three years.

Gracie Northrup reads, writes, and talks a lot. She loves all books, but prefers fantasy. This is her first published work. She has awesome friends.

Kimberly Phillips likes bunnies, dogs, and cats because they're cute and funny. She is eleven years old and has three brothers and two sisters. Her favorite foods are pizza and lasagna.

Austin Reyes is a good artist and writes a little at home and hates messing up and likes to play X-Box 360.

Megan Sarygin lives with her father, mother, and brother and goes back and forth between the USA and the Philippines, where she loves spending time with family. She is very energetic and loves having fun.

Gavin Scouten is an eleven-year-old fifth grader who loves to read, write, and surf the web. He has an obsession for green because it is neat.

Sanjeet Singh is eleven years old and is an East Indian-American who loves sports and wrote a couple poems about them. This is his first time publishing a poem online.

Kaelan Skimhorn was born in Tacoma, Washington. He now lives in Vancouver, Washington. He is happy to read, draw, and write poems. Writing poems comes easy to him. This is his first time getting published.

Kennedy Steinkellner is a ten-year-old girl who likes to hang out with her friends. She loves to draw. This is her first time getting published online.

John Youkon hates trees. He gets his inspiration for his poems by his hatred for trees.

Laura Truitt has greatly enjoying having this class for two years in a row, and having had some of her students for three years. Their random, offbeat, tree-despising, Groundhog-day celebrating, "Meganized" ways inspire her.