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ASTERISKS INDICATE UNTITLED POEMS. UNDERLINED TEXT INDICATES A HYPERLINK.

BREATH TAKING DAYS

The birds sing as
The sun comes up to smile
And the leaves whisper
As the summer season goes by.

ELIZABETH CALVO

BEACH

Warm sunshine on my skin
Grainy sand beneath my feet
Water creeping towards my toes
Salty breeze surrounding my nose

SARAH BEEBE

ENGLISH 10

Sophomores tumble into class
Time tips his wings toward Fall.
And in the front row, Jason's cowlick
Blooms.

PETER POMMER

OCTOBER

Red, orange, yellow, brown.
Leaves free-falling from their branches.
White mist escapes your breath.
It's finally October.

NINA PHAN

HALLOWEEN

Caramel covered teeth bite into candy bars
Bedtimes are disregarded, sugar high
That time of year
This is Halloween

TANNER SUNDWALL

ONLY TWO MONTHS MORE

All is Jolly and Bright,
yet leaves are just now falling.
All is colorful, not white,
only two months more.

MALLORY OVIST

EVERGREEN

The trees turn orange
fade to brown.

Hey you, piney one, stand strong
you're different.

MACKENZIE BARNES

THE LONG LOST COMPANION

Why isn't there more gray in this world?
That space between our inhales and exhales,
Making absence and everything
Bearable

KYLE JENKINS

I BEG YOU

Send a beat through my emptiness
Send warmth through my veins
Bring that liquid light back to my eyes
Rain

MARIAH SCHOLES

THE SIGNAL

As rain begins to fall,
These tears of the sky
Signal for an upcoming storm
That will leave us drenched.

JUSTIN PHAN



The moon illuminates the sky
The tree's beautiful silhouette haunting
Snow dances through the wind
And the last flower dies

SHELDON HILTON

WINTER

Plants wilt and lose color
Trees are bare and cold
Desolate is the hard ground
But spring always follows winter

PAIGE FERRY

BEST FRIENDS

We giggle, we laugh,
We are always there.
She sees the best side of me...
And the worst.

COURTNEY BLADEN

FOOTSTEPS

Come here
A few steps closer
You've got me on my toes
the thought of our next move excites me.

TAYLOR ANDERSON

MUSIC

Blue notebook that sits
on my piano. Why so blank?
Nothing to say, yet
there is so much to play.

SARAH STEPHENS



Here you are, taunting me,
With a cold blank stare,
You evil little thing,
I'll draw on you.

TERRENCE GOTZ

CLASSIC

The chord
Rushing through the pulse of the string
All the way to the abysmal pit
In my hollowed body

WYATT CROXTON

LOST

She waited patiently for him
time was getting to her.
Tick. Tick. Tick. He was...
nowhere to be found.

BROOKE ENSLEY

HEARTS

Hearts, hold'in up my mountains

Stumble

Crash

Only sleepin' in hospital beds

SARAH HORGAN



He left me,
So long ago,
Yet I still wait,
For him to return.

KAYLA BOLIN



I step into the night
I hate it there
I want to leave
Anywhere but there

BRAVEN FRITZ

NIGHT

I guess I should go to bed
I have school tomorrow
one, more, round

BRENT KOEKKOEK

THOUGHT FILLED NIGHTS ALONE

Do I tell my tale?
Dare I speak of my haunted ventures?
Your face so serene,
I'll let you sleep.

CASSIDY SCOTT

WARMTH

My frozen nose tells me
it's winter
sticking out from under my comforter
and my cat sleeping on my stomach

MAGGIE ALLEN

MONDAY

The shrill beeps
Effectively end my slumber,
I leave behind warmth in wrinkled garb,
Toast and warm essay in hand.

KEVIN PHUONG

INTELLECTUAL

Chapters and charters,
functions and graphs.
Completing all this school work
leaves me no time to think!

DALTON KRAJEWSKI

16 AND DONE

Which side do I sit on?
Senior and Junior in one.
It's a complicated year;
Why am I graduating early?

GLORIA ZAYTSEV

UNFAMILIAR

I can't imagine
being you
strong, confident, beautiful
and under the pressure of a million thoughts

EMILY DERBY

MY MINI DISNEY FUN

Donald sipping my hot cocoa,
Snow White throwing tiny snowballs at dwarves,
Pluto rolling in snow piles,
Disney in winter.

ELIZABETH CASEY



I remember those good times
that we once had.

I try to look forward
but my mind goes back.

JESSICA CABELLO



No parents on Christmas
Oh well, bigger wish list
No tears falling tonight
I'm rejoicing in light

LANEY FONKEN

FREE VERSE

I think I've had quite enough
of this unorthodox stuff.

I end up feeling really gruff,
when poetry doesn't rhyme.

ALAN JOHNSTON

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The cover art for this special issue is “A Closer Look” by **Terrence Gotz** (whose poetry also appears in this issue). Terrence is a seventeen year old high school senior. He draws all the time, and likes long walks down the beach. Har. Har. Har.

Maggie Allen is a sophomore who enjoys writing, riding horses, and sleeping in with her cats.

Taylor Anderson lives in Portland, Oregon, enjoys going downtown, and likes the taste of freshly brewed coffee.

Mackenzie Barnes grew up in the Boise-Elliot neighborhood of North Portland. A senior this year, she’s been writing poetry since the seventh grade. She has an intense passion for music, reading, and the color blue.

Sarah Beebe is currently enrolled as a junior. She enjoys writing poetry and short stories. She also loves shopping and exploring downtown Portland.

Courtney Bladen is a sophomore. She enjoys reading fiction novels, shopping for shoes, and writing poetry.

Kayla Bolin, born in California, has lived in Oregon for six years. She’s been writing since she was seven. She loves the outdoors and creating her own reality.

Jessica Cabello used to live in Canby. Her family moved down to Clackamas. She's been here in Oregon for sixteen years.

Elizabeth Calvo is inspired to write by music, love, art, and nature, but her most important inspiration is everyday people. She's a young Latina, trying to figure life out. "Elizabeth" means "promise of God."

Elizabeth Casey is sixteen years old. She loves Disney and acting. Her dream is to become a Disney Imagineer. She's written stories for fun. She loves pumpkin smoothies!

Wyatt Croxton is a young artist from Las Vegas who took up writing when he was five years old in Singapore. He has been experimenting with the different styles of different cultures ever since.

Emily Derby has found inspiration in Oregon her whole life. She enjoys music, writing, church, and traveling anywhere near or far (coffee shops included). | maxride45.blogspot.com

Brooke Ensley is a junior. She enjoys espressos and dance music at the same time. Brooke finds inspiration from her friends and favorite author, Terry Brooks. "Keep it Classy."

Paige Ferry has lived in Clackamas County her whole life and is a high school senior. In her spare time, she enjoys reading extensively, snowboarding, holidays with family, and things that smell delicious.

Laney Fonken is only a wee little sophomore, but has about twenty years worth of stories. In her spare time, she makes collages to explain dislikes, likes, and emotion.

Braven Fritz is a junior. She enjoys writing short stories, plays, poems, and songs. After high school, she plans to become a writer.

Sheldon Hilton enjoys getting out and taking pictures. He also enjoys painting and drawing in his free time.

Sarah Horgen, of Clackamas, Oregon, enjoys the smell of autumn and the taste of strong coffee. She's also fond of free verse poetry.

Kyle Jenkins resides in Happy Valley, Oregon, and hasn't written poetry for very long. He pulls inspiration from the outdoors, music he plays and listens to, and thinking into the wee hours of the night.

Alan Johnston, a senior, is a running fool. He runs fifty miles a week. When he's not running, he's trying to be funny.

Brent Koekkoek is seventeen years young. Brent enjoys hanging out with friends. He likes to go out to the local PDX venues. Family and friends mean everything to Brent.

Dalton Krajewski, born in Flagstaff, Arizona, and currently living in Oregon, enjoys drawing and has won a gold key in the Oregon Scholastic Art Awards. He is largely inspired by music, nostalgia, and the desert.

Mallory Ovist, a sophomore, lives in Happy Valley, Oregon. This is her first year writing poetry. She enjoys watching movies and cuddling up in front of the fire.

Justin Phan, originally from Tarzana, California, began taking a liking to literature after taking AP Language and Composition. Aside from writing, he enjoys reading in coffee houses every other weekend.

Nina Phan has been living in Clackamas, Oregon most of her life. In her spare time, she likes to write short stories, draw, and listen to music.

Kevin Phuong is a high school senior. In his spare time, Kevin rereads the Harry Potter novels obsessively, plays chess, and never declines a chance to play tennis.

Peter Pommer teaches English at Clackamas High School. He enjoys sailing, reading, and when time permits, taking ink to paper.

Mariah Scholes watches anime, writes short stories, and chills with her dogs Kenshin and Vash. She hates writing poetry.

Cassidy Scott, a sophomore, finds her home state of Oregon beautiful and loves the smell of sweet fall air. Her favorite things consist of bubble tea, her cat, and volleyball.

Sarah Stephens, a sophomore, has been writing since she was younger. She loves to read mystery novels and her hobbies are Taekwondo and singing.

Tanner Sundwall currently resides in Clackamas, Oregon, and enjoys the cold weather introduced during the months of November and December.

Gloria Zaytsev has lived in Damascus, Oregon her whole life. She has a creative side that she gets from her sister, and when she isn't doing mountains of homework, she blogs. | gloriousdaisies.blogspot.com