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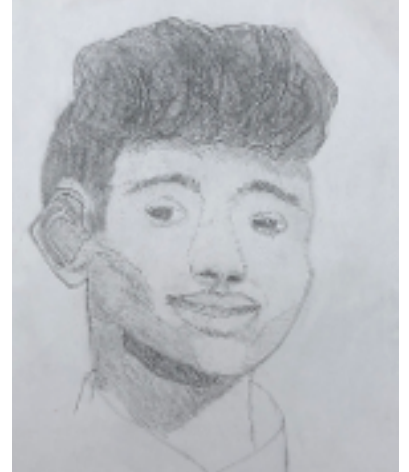
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From the Editor's Desk

Hi there! Welcome to the third issue of *The Panther*.

I am a second child who's lived a life of hand-me-downs. Since the day I was born, I have received everything from my sister's old and used up items. From car seats to strollers, from shoes to sports equipment, and guitars to tennis



rackets, everything I've ever had was hers first. Even my Starbucks' vanilla frappuccino order comes after hers.

I tell you this because after 12 years of coming in second, I finally decided to make my own first. In the beginning of the 7th Grade, I was inspired by a television show to create *The Panther*. My goal was to give students like me who might be hesitant to share their art an avenue of expressing themselves to the rest of the school. I have learned a lot since starting the magazine and continue to learn even more. I hope this magazine continues to give students the courage to share their art.

As I was looking through the submissions that I received for the magazine, I saw so much creativity that I wanted to shine the spotlight on our talented artists. I reached out to each of them and asked a few questions that would tell us a little bit of what's behind the art pieces and the artists.

I think you will also enjoy the original poems of our 8th Grade class. Sharing our poetry is like sharing a big part of ourselves with you.

Enjoy this issue of *The Panther*. Thank you.

TEDDY BEAR RAFFLE

Thank you to all who participated in *The Panther's Teddy Bear Raffle* to help fund the printing costs of the magazine. Many hoped to win this adorable 53-inch plush teddy bear, but the lucky winner is **Natalie Brennan** from the Kindergarten class. Here's a little Q&A with Natalie.

Q. How did you feel when you won the bear?

A. Very good and excited.

Q. The teddy bear you won is 53' inches. How tall are you?

A. I'm 43 inches.

Q. How did you get the teddy bear home?

A. We put a rain coat on it and put it in the back of my Dad's SUV.

Q. Have you named the bear yet?

A. Yes, Lily.

Q. When I came to your classroom to give you the bear, you said that you were going to give it to someone who has less than you. What made you want to do something like that?

A. Because there are some people in this world that have nothing , and I feel bad. I have so much and like to share.

Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. I meet new friends and we pray. And my friends are nice here. I also like my teachers, and book buddy friends.



Natalie & Lily

Q. Anything else you want to tell us about you?

A. I am a kind person and hope everyone else would be kind to each other.



*The hallways are always filled with activity
Students are always on the go
They go to the next class
They go to lunch for a break
Or they rush to catch their ride home*



ARTWORK

*Get to know some of our
talented artists ...*



Q. What were you thinking when you created your piece?

A. My new art book inspired me to draw Mythical Creatures.

Q. Who is your favorite character in a book?

A. Godzilla is my favorite character in a book.

Q. What is your favorite T.V. show or cartoon?

A. "Tom and Jerry" is my favorite cartoon.

Q. What is your most treasured possession?

A. My most treasured possession is my Teddy Bear

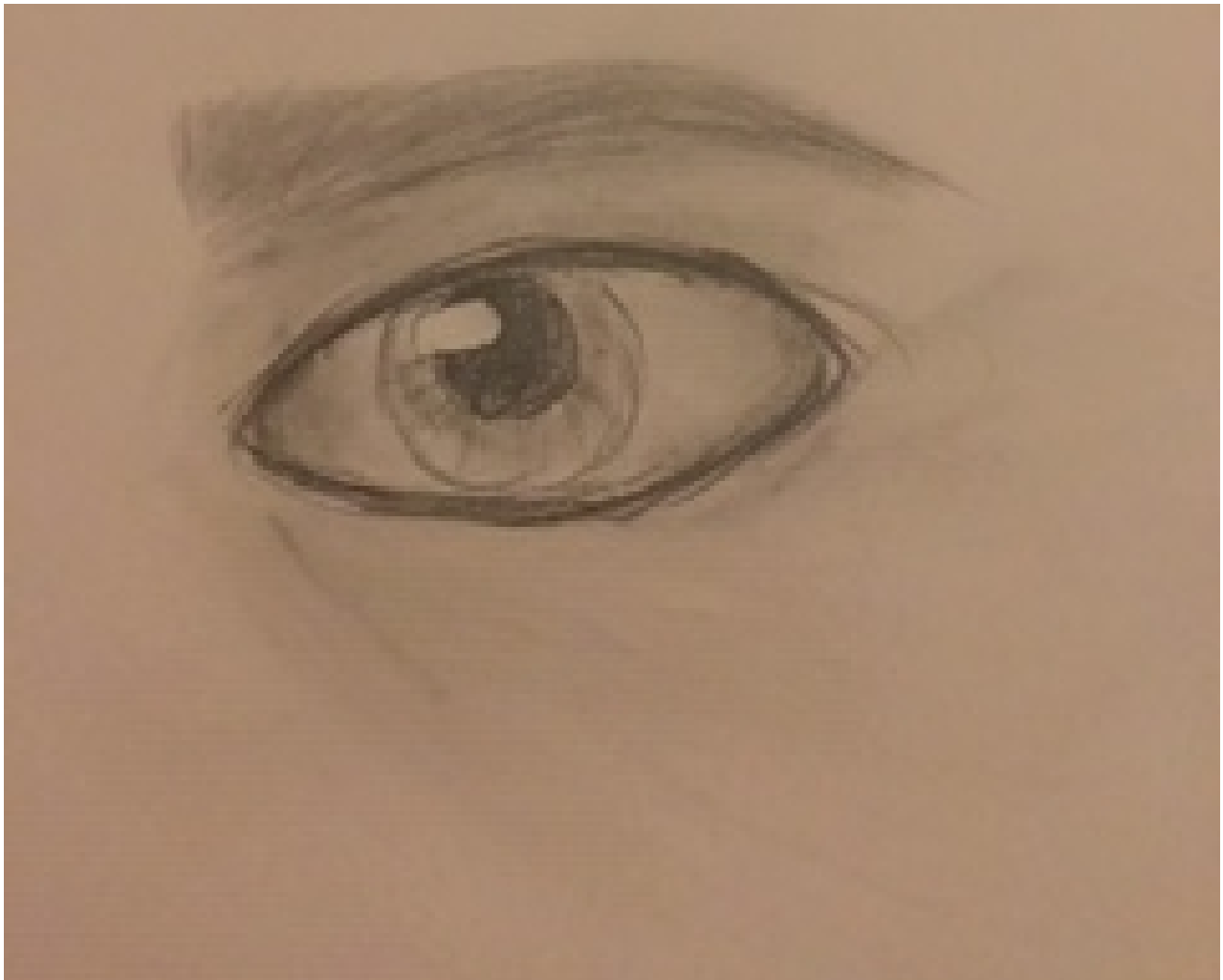
Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. I like going to school at St. Peter because I really enjoy art class, my classmates and my teachers.

DANIEL MARSHALL III

Grade 2





Q. What were you thinking when you created your piece?

A. I was just thinking about how to draw it and that I was surprised to see it.

Q. Who is your favorite character in a book?

A. I like Pippi Longstockings.

Q. What is your favorite T.V. show or cartoon?

A. Spongebob Squarepants

Q. What is your most treasured possession?

A. Family, drawing tablet, and iPod

Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. I like the opportunities, love, care, friendship. I understand the things they teach, the people are accepting, they will do no matter what it takes to help you.

Q. Anything else you want to tell us about you?

I like to draw, of course, and I am a figure skater.

MARY-KATE KAJIWARA Grade 6





RYAN RODGERS Grade 1

Q. What were you thinking when you created your piece?

A. I picked the piece from a YouTube video where you follow along and I thought it was very realistic and I wanted to draw an animal.

Q. Who is your favorite character in a book?

A. Santa in "The Night Before Christmas"

Q. What is your favorite T.V. show or cartoon?

A. "Nailed It"

Q. What is your most treasured possession?

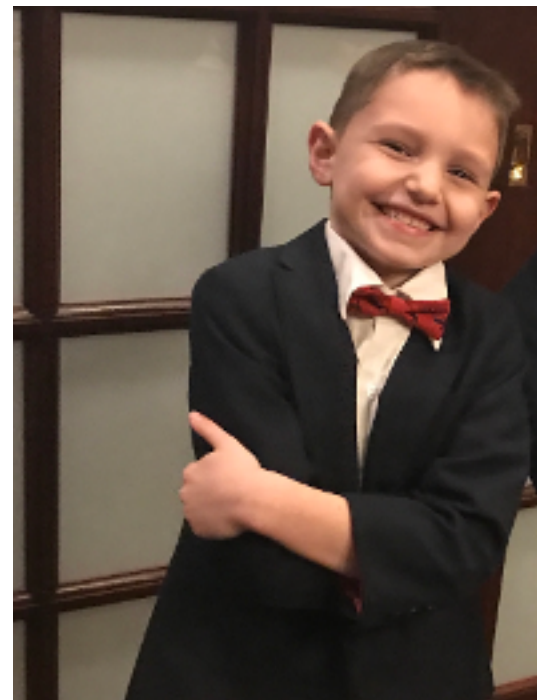
A. My Ninja Turtle blanket

Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. My teacher, Mrs. Trochanowski

Q. Anything else you want to tell us about you?

A. I love video games, especially Dragon Quest builders.





**ELLIOTT
IWAKI**
Grade 7

Q. What were you thinking when you created your piece?

A. The trees around our house

Q. Who is your favorite character in a book?

A. Eddie in The Five People You Meet in Heaven

Q. What is your favorite T.V. show or cartoon?

A. Teen Titans Go

Q. What is your most treasured possession?

A. My Nintendo Switch

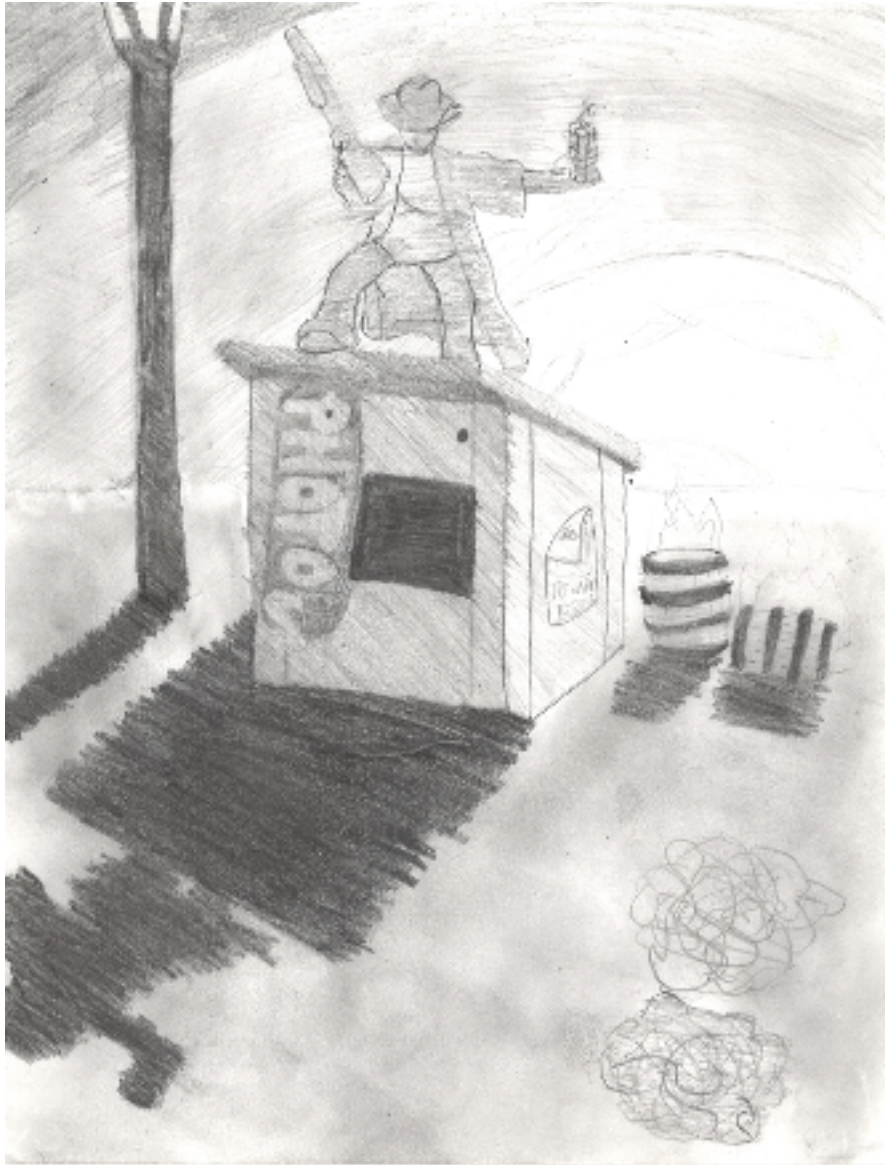
Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. The good friends I've made here.

Q. Anything else you want to tell us about you?

A. I love soccer!





**JULIAN
FONTENOT**
Grade 8

Q. What were you thinking when you created your piece?

A. I was just thinking about those movies that take place in the old Wild West.

Q. Who is your favorite character in a book?

A. My favorite character from books is probably Ryuk from the Deathnote manga.

Q. What is your favorite T.V. show or cartoon?

A. Boku No Hero Academia

Q. What is your most treasured possession?

A. My drawing notebook has the most personal value to me.

Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. I like that everyone can get along even if they aren't the best of friends.

Q. Anything else you want to tell us about you?

A. Snowboarding is what I love about winter.





SHRISTI POMPANA Grade 2

Q. What were you thinking when you created your piece?

A. I like to be bold and fast like a panther and I think we all are St. Peter Panthers.

Q. Who is your favorite character in a book?

A. Anna Banana

Q. What is your favorite T.V. show or cartoon?

A. "Nailed It" (cake-making show)

Q. What is your most treasured possession?

A. My makeup box, which my mom gifted to me on Valentine's Day

Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. I love St. Peter and Mr. McCarthy is my favorite of all teachers.

Q. Anything else you want to tell us about you?

A. I play tennis and am learning karate.





**JAVIER
DE LEON**
Grade 3

Q. What were you thinking when you created your piece?

A. I was just thinking that I need to make something weird that my friends would be interested in.

Q. Who is your favorite character in a book?

A. Dog Man

Q. What is your favorite T.V. show or cartoon?

A. Teen Titans Go

Q. What is your most treasured possession?

A. My Nintendo Switch

Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. My teachers and friends

Q. Anything else you want to tell us about you?

A. I have the best mom, dad and brother. I like to travel, I have visited 5 countries. I also like to play basketball.





Q. What were you thinking when you created your piece?

A. When I drew my piece, I was thinking about the bigger picture. At first I was worried about how it would look like in the end, since my name has a “g” in it, but then Ms. Seitz encouraged me and helped me figure it all out.

Q. Who is your favorite character in a book?

A. In my all-time favorite book series, Harry Potter, my favorite character is Hermione. I feel like a lot of people can relate to Hermione because she is always prepared and very loyal to her friends, and she always works her hardest in everything she does. In my second favorite book series, Dork Diaries, my favorite character is Nikki Maxwell. She is my favorite character because she always tries to be optimistic, which encourages me to always try to look at the brighter side of things. Also, she is always grateful and selfless towards other.

Q. What is your favorite T.V. show or cartoon?

A. My favorite TV show is Once Upon A Time. I love the imagination and creative thinking that goes into the script and the acting of the characters. I think that it is very relatable. It is amazing to see the chemistry between the actors and actresses and how they are like one big community along with the producers, director, etc.

Q. What is your most treasured possession?

A. My most treasured possession is a box of photos from past trips and school events. This is my most treasured possession because I will always want to remember a wonderful school that brought me together with amazing people.

Q. What do you like about going to school at St. Peter?

A. I like going to school at St. Peter’s because it is a friendly yet disciplined environment. I like the fact that it fortifies my Catholic faith and challenges me to work harder to achieve my goals. It is a wonderful place to go to school to prepare you for high school! The school has an exceptional faculty and its students are like a family!

CHIGIRL OJIELO

Grade 7



POE TRY

Corner

Each year during our poetry unit, every student in my class creates a Poetry Anthology which includes at least twelve poems each written in a different style. This year the styles included shape poems, Tanka, the Clarity Pyramid and the Nonet. Each anthology has a theme. Some of the students chose Christmas, while others picked their favorite things, seasons and sports. I asked each student to select one of their favorites to be featured in this edition of The Panther. I loved reading their creative writing and I hope each of you will too.

Ms. Judi Agnew
Grade 8 Teacher

THE WINTER SEASON

Free Verse By Colin Park

While waiting for Christmas to come,
We sing joyous hymns with a hum.
Waiting for the Holiday season to arrive,
At December, day number twenty-five.

Setting up the decorations with glee,
As we put them upon the Christmas tree.
The feeling of the season has begun
With new ideas for activities that have sprung.

The cold snow may be harsh,
But at least it's not appearing like a marsh.
Though the winter air can be cool and crisp,
Cold enough to see smoke in a wisp.

As winter approaches closely
You can start to imagine presents mostly.
Unless you're someone who is last minute shopping,
Wondering when the next time you're going to be stopping.
When the day arrives, you rush to the tree
To find gifts from someone who likes cookies and milk, instead of tea.
But then, before you know it,
Christmas was only just there for a short bit.

Then, a new beginning has begun,
Right when you thought you were done.
Even when one Holiday comes to an end,
There is another one that you have to attend.

WINTER

Nonet By Leopold Kajiwara

Winter's piercing chills brings frosty snow.

The land is concealed with ice.

Frozen leaves reflect the light.

The snow rises higher.

Fountains crystallize.

Waterfalls freeze.

Jack frost Nips

On our

Nose.

WINTER

Acrostic By Connor Carroll

Winter Wonderland

Icicles

No school

Thermometers freezing

Eggnog

Really Cold



WINTER



Free Verse By Jack Lyons

The season of winter is always a tough one
The cold has beat the warm and King Frost has won
Chilly breezes swirl through the air
Making the ends stick up on your hair
You must bundle up to stay warm outside
That way you do not freeze on the inside

Winter is a terrible season
Bright leaves die without rhyme or reason
The only good thing
That winter will bring
Is a nice place by the fireplace
Sipping hot cocoa and stuffing your face

TO MAKE A SNOWBALL

Didactic By Jack Gruja

To make a snowball
Find the perfect snow
Put your mittens on
Get Ready to go

Gather it up but don't take it all
Put your hands together
And start forming your ball

The more you grab the bigger it will be
Keep forming and packing
And soon you will see...

It's perfect to go
And it's in your sight
Just find your target
And start your fight



A SURGE OF JOY

Free Verse By Thomas Coyle

Christmas Day
Is jam-packed
With love.
Other emotions
Circle around each house,
Such as happiness
And heartfelt
Thankfulness.
Children open presents
With gaping wide grins,
And jaws dropped
To the floor.
So thank you God
For this amazing day
Where you gave us
The greatest gift of all.

ELVES

Cinquain By Kahlia Content

Elves
Toy makers
Helping Santa
And make you feel jolly
Pixies



UNTITLED

Clerihew By Alex Balcioglu

There once was a very short snowman
To become tall, he crafted a good plan
He carved stilts from a tree
And became taller than me!

MAKING GINGERBREAD

Sedoka By Brigitte Lenihan



Making gingerbread
With my friends and family
The good smell fills the whole room
Taking them all home
Getting full and throwing it up
Everyone is still laughing

SADNESS

Minute Poem By Emily Castillo

Sitting down, spinning slow, in knots
All around, thoughts
In the darkness
Wanting to leave

Scared and drowning, in my own words
But, I see you
And you smile
My sadness, gone

Never saw this in my head
Full of dread
grabbed your hand, calm
Save on your palm

FLOWER

Epitaph By Emily Brightman

Born as a seed
Grew into a beautiful flower
shined brightly for everyone
Died to have their story passed on

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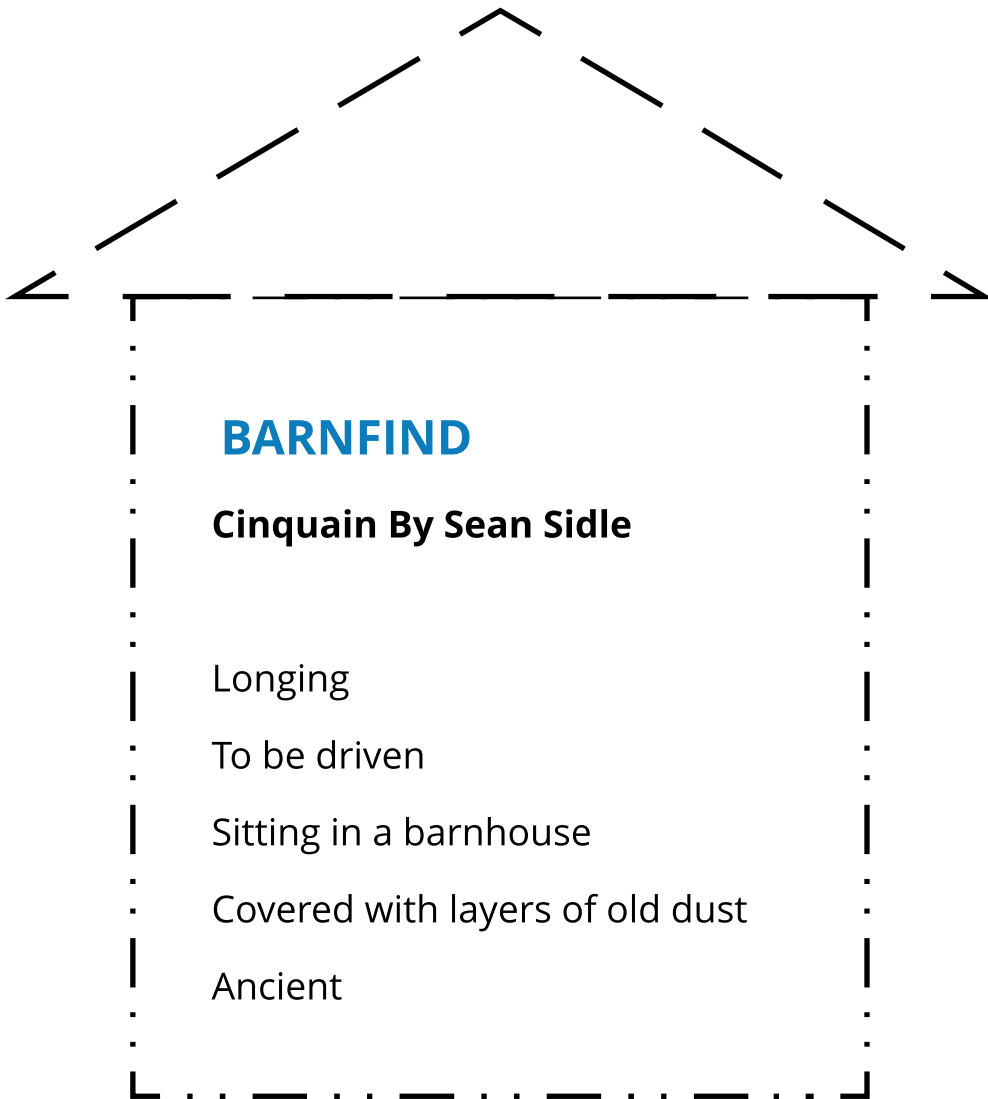
Clerihew By Austin Losardo

Austin the Being
Could not bear what he was seeing
It was a Bugatti Chiron
And it was painted neon

UNTITLED

Nature Poem By Edward Asante

I walked on the side of the beach seeing the cylinders of
light move across the sea.



SLEEPING

Free Verse By Ronnie Heath

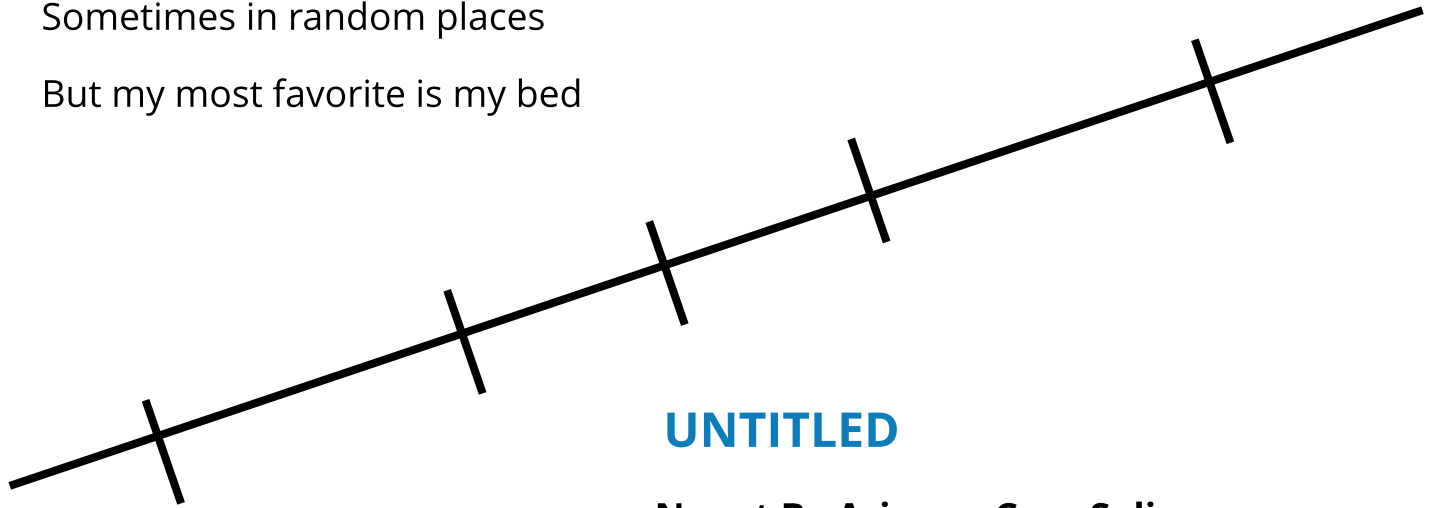
Sleeping is great

I do it all the time

Sometimes in the car

Sometimes in random places

But my most favorite is my bed



UNTITLED

Nonet By Arianna Cruz-Solis

Food is something we need to survive

Receive pleasure from different tastes

We try as much as we can

Some that we don't enjoy

Each culture has its own

Foods that we like

Others might not

Yummy

Food

UNLOCKING HEROES

Didactic By Julian Fontenot

Want the 5 star heroes

To crush the competition

Read through these directions

And your team will need corrections

Orbs

Use orbs to summon fighters

Looking for the summoning chances

Give the appearance chart a couple chances

Upgrade

Upgrade and unlock your heroes potential

Do it using badges and shards mixed with hero feathers

With those upgrades your heroes will be better

Unlock

Completing the main story unlocks characters

Unlock your legendary heroes through the story

So just play the game and you don't have to worry

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