

Poetry Contest

20+ Entries

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So Delightful

As I look out my window
many awesome things I see
A bird, a lot of blowing leaves
and a little bumblebee.
Now a spider spinning a silk web
very busy as can be
Preparing for a little catch
before the bug can flee
A rabbit is hopping on the ground
Oh- it stopped to look at me
My oh my what a lovely sight
now it's heading for the tree
Gee, my neighbors Cat
she sees the hare-
I wonder - should I tap on the
window maybe to scare?
Just in time the rabbit I see decided
to high-tail it to his hideaway over there
Now looking out my window
Guess what I see?
"Surprise Grandma!!!" It's my lovely
grandchild LOOKING AT ME!

"What a Nice Surprise"

The earth is such a lovely place
to see all kinds of things
If you take time to look up high
you'll see the birds with wings

Just take a walk, look on the ground
another world is there
A worm, some ants they're busy too
it seems without a care.

But best of all there is the lake
a beauty you'll agree
If only you open your eyes real wide
it's God's Gift to you and me.



Soul Food

The cramped kitchen is redolent of sweet onions
Clanging of saucers, utensils, and greasy pans
Ding sound of a hot oven
Women cook around the bubbling pot
Southern bean soup is warming on the gas stove
Adding a pinch of resilience
Each ingredient is a testament to their strength
All blended together

Sharing the warmth of our African-American struggles
A sense of history and heritage
Friendship is deeply rooted
Singing and dancing
Holding strong through every challenge
Laughter echoes the house
Eyes are moist with tears
Smell of fired chicken fills the room
Family tradition surrounds the Sunday dinner table
Black love is celebrated
Yams and collards are in the center
Crumbly cornbread is on the side



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