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BEING HAPPY

Being happy I took a walk
Down to the closest park
And there I saw before my eyes
Trees and streams and blue-gray skies

And even though it looked like rain
Like the sun might never shine again
I closed my eyes and made it bright
I made it scintillate with thoughts of
you.

Anthony, 17, Marietta
Poem



THE GIRL THAT WALKED HER DOG

Once there was a girl who wanted a
dog. Her name was Jill. When she got
the dog she kept the dog outside. One
day she decided to walk the dog to the
park. She got the leash and put it on
the dog.

Jill was sad when school started, so
sad that she didn't want to go to
school. When Jill got to school she
started crying until the teacher told
her to cheer up. Jill told her teacher
that she had a dog. Her teacher
asked Jill what her dog's name was.
Jill said her dogs name was Toto.

The teacher said that they had a
bunny. Jill asked if she could take care
of the bunny. The teacher said she
could. The bunny has a name and it
is Hoppy.

Ann, 7, Powder Springs
Short Story

GIRAFFE



I know a giraffe
Who is less than half
The size that he ought to be.
When I wanted to know
What had shortened him so
He explained it as follows to me:
When I was a dozen feet tall or more,
I got dizzy from looking below.
I cannot stand height
For it gives me a fright
As all of my family know.
Somewhere they had read
Of shortening bread
And they got a batch to try.
And it shortened me fast
So I'm finished at last
With standing too high in the sky.

Billy, 9, Vinings,
Artwork and Poem



DEAD PETS

In my life I have had three pets, Hawk-
eye, Cinders and Toothy.

Hawkeye was given to us with a cage
on Easter. The work was awful. We
had to clean the cage every two or
three days. Every day we had to let
it out for a run, when it would always

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hide under our neighbor's deck. We had a hard time getting it out, because nothing would scare it and we couldn't taunt it out. There was also an awful smell around its cage. We called a friend and they took it. In a month, it died.

We got Cinders from our real estate agent. She gave it to us when it was a kitten. We had a good time with it when it was young, but it grew up to be a mean tom-cat. It would bite and scratch. A neighbor threatened to poison it if she saw it on her car. She claimed it had scratched up the roof. We did not want it in our house because of the fleas, so we put it in a cage at night. One evening it came home with a scar on its head and it was not acting quite normal. We took it to the animal shelter. Exactly one month later it came back. We took it back again and they put it to sleep.

I got Toothy from my third grade teacher. She had nine of them. It chewed up cardboard boxes and toilet paper rolls. We built wire tunnels and cages for it. It would run around through the tunnels, searching for holes to get out. It eventually died of old age.

I enjoyed all of my pets, but when they died the only one I really missed was my favorite pet, my gerbil. I like the gerbil the most because it was easiest to take care of. It also provided entertainment when we watched it. We don't have any pets now, but if we get another it will probably be a gerbil.

Jeff, 13, Austell
Prose

AUTUMN POEM

Autumn is when the leaves fall,
Down behind the big brick wall
The leaves come from my favorite tree
Some leaves come down beside me.

Autumn is when the leaves turn red
They also turn yellow my mother said.
My father said that some turn brown.
And I said they all fall down.

Autumn is when it always gets cold
The leaves turn brown, red, orange and
gold
And then one day my mother was told
That all those colors are very bold.

Jennifer, 10, Marietta
Poem



See the blur, passing by
Showing off his colors
Watch the way he glides
He's flying on the wind.

See the yellow, like the sun
The black as dark as night
You know he is made by God
A beautiful creation.

He is a monarch, one of many
Yet different, in many ways
Evolved they say, it cannot be
For God only can make them unique.

Carrie, 14, Smyrna
Poem



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GOOD GREMLINS

What is that noise?
I can't sleep!
Bumps in the attic
And sounds that go bleep!
Making that noise
That scares you and me!
Down from the attic
Two gremlins came.
Bump and Jump
Were those gremlins names.
They helped clean our room.
And then they went back
To bumping and thumping
In our old attic.

Melanie, 8, Acworth
Poem

I'M LIKE A BASEBALL



Joy, 9, Marietta
Prose

MY MOTHER



My mother is like an electrical plug
Because they both make things work
out.

Christopher, 10, Kennesaw
Prose



They laugh – it's not fair
I have feelings
Don't they realize I'm different?
It hurts.
Should it?
I don't know.
In their eyes, I am nothing.
I have nothing.
I feel nothing.
Do they have no feelings?
Or do they hide them
Like I do?
Everything I do
They laugh at
I see nothing to laugh about.
Is it because they hate me?
Or are they just trying
To disguise their feelings?
They never talk to me.
They just laugh
Not with me but at me.
I hate it
You would too.
Must I be as perfect as
They?

Kelly, 15, Austell
Poem

A PAWFUL NIYT (A POWERFUL KNIGHT)



A knight is so powerful.
It is so powerful.
And the powerful wizard
And the castle.

Devin, 5, Marietta
Artwork and Poem

KNIGHT



David, 17, Mableton
Artwork



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WINTER



Timothy, 11, Powder Springs
Artwork



Once upon a time, there was a man named David who owned a Bakery. Christmas was just around the corner, but he was far from ready. Every time he baked a batch of cookies, half would be stolen.

One day he saw a trail of crumbs on the snow outside his window. He followed the trail around town, through the woods, around the pond, and finally to the lake. There was a log beside the lake and a pair of skates was just beside it. He sat down, put the skates on and followed the trail farther, across the lake.

The trail split when he got across the lake, and he followed the right trail. It circled around, and came back to where he started after he crossed the lake. He headed back across the lake and saw a trail of crumbs going back in another direction. He followed this

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trail that went around a neighboring town and back into the woods. This time the trail went around the lake and headed back to town. David figured he had been walking for over half an hour, so he sat down for a rest in the snow. He was getting on in years, so it wasn't too easy to go for long walks.

He got up and continued following the trail. He arrived back at his bakery after being away approximately an hour. He went inside, and to his surprise all his friends were there. They had taken the cookies and laid the trail, so he would leave. This gave them time to bake some more cookies and to set up a surprise birthday and Christmas party, as his birthday was two days before Christmas.

Kendra, 13, Marietta
Short Story

SUNDAE



Dylan, 8, Smyrna
Artwork

UP THE HILL



Angela, 5 Smyrna
Artwork



THE PERCH

Flying over the treetops I can see a tree. A monstrous tree with lots of green leaves. A perfect place to get out of the sun and rest my tired wings. I've been flying all morning and I deserve a rest. I can sit and express my feelings with my wonderful voice.

Hey! Is that a worm on the ground? I fly down and with my beak, I pluck out a delicious, plump, juicy worm! A perfect meal.

I look up and see the great tree towering over me like a skyscraper, providing cool shade for what looks like miles of ground. The tree is a great place to spread gossip. I love it!

Brad, 12, Mableton
Short Story



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Curling on the ground,
Rolled like a rubber tire,
Ribbed and round.
Black Snake! Black Snake!
Looped in a tree,
Limp as a licorice whip,
Flung free.
Black Snake! Black Snake!
Curving down the lawn,
Glides like a wave,
With its silver gone.
Black Snake! Black Snake!
Come and live with me!
I'll feed you, and pet you
And then I'll set you free!

Jane, 9, Acworth
Poem



THE FAIRY GOD BUNNY

One day as I got into bed I heard a funny noise. So I looked under my bed and there was a fairy god bunny. I saw a bunny with a wand and wings upon his back. He can right out and said, "I'll grant you three wishes." My first wish is I want my birthday to be tomorrow. My second wish is that I want a magic garden. My third wish is that I want to be able to fly. "They shall be granted in the morning." "Good-by fairy god bunny." Then away flew the fairy god bunny.

Phyllis, 8, Marietta
Short Story

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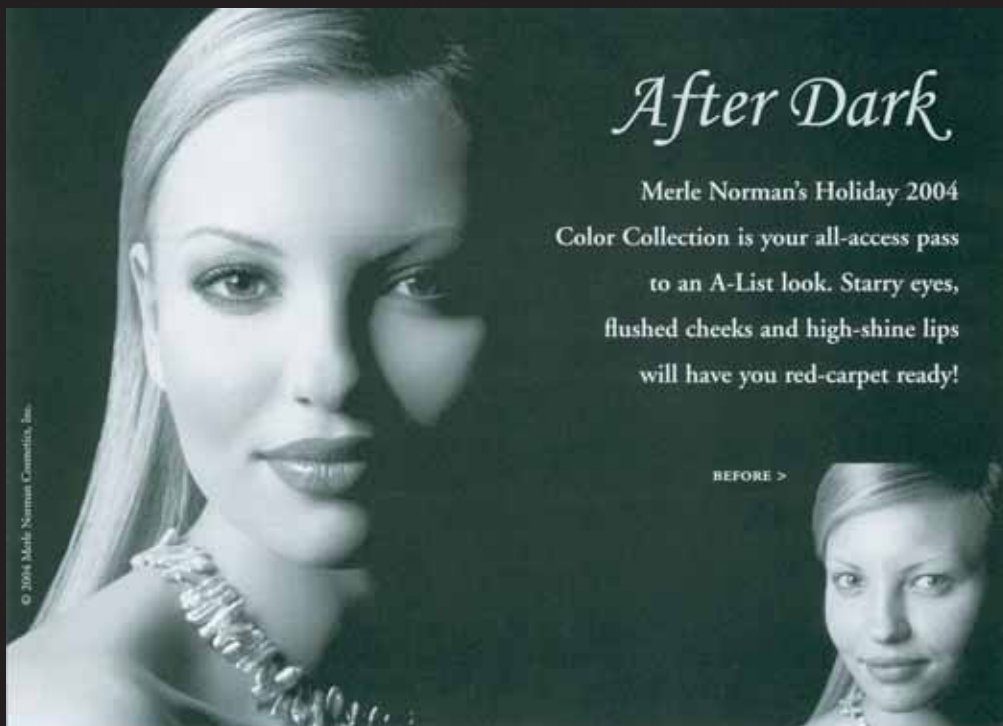
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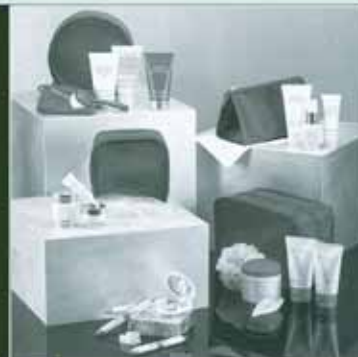
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