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### MY FAVORITE PERSON

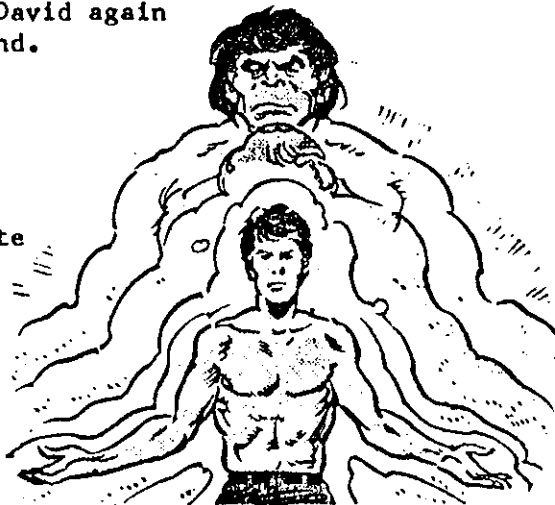
I love the Hulk better than other Super Heroes.  
He is meaner and has more muscles to fight his foes.  
His real name is David Banner, it's true.  
When he gets mad he turns green not blue.

His muscles grow, his eyes turn green.  
He rips his shirt and shoes, and becomes mean.

The Hulk helps the good people all day.  
He fights the bad people and runs away.

The Hulk becomes David again  
And he is my Friend.

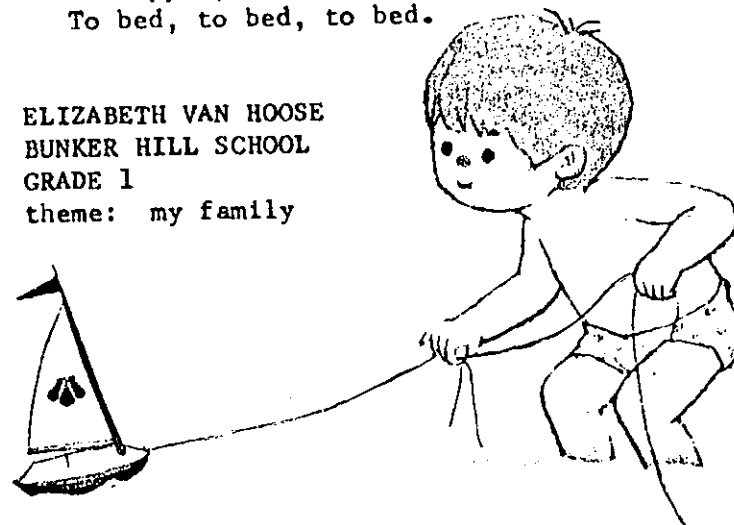
DAVID CHASSE  
KINGSBURY SCHOOL  
KINDERGARTEN  
theme: my favorite  
person



### MY FAMILY

In the summer, my family goes on vacation.  
Vacation, vacation, vacation.  
On our vacation, we go to the beach.  
The beach, the beach, the beach.  
At the beach, we all go swimming.  
Go swimming, go swimming, go swimming.  
After we swim, we all go home.  
Go home, go home, go home.  
When we get home, we all eat supper.  
Eat supper, eat supper, eat supper.  
After supper, we go to bed.  
To bed, to bed, to bed.

ELIZABETH VAN HOOSE  
BUNKER HILL SCHOOL  
GRADE 1  
theme: my family





### THE SNOWSTORM

The snowstorm came,  
on a cloudy day.  
It brought the sleet,  
that made slippery streets.  
It brought the wind,  
that chilled my skin.  
It brought the snow,  
that froze my toe.  
The snowstorm came,  
No school, Hooray!

KIMBERLY GUGLIOTTI  
BUNKER HILL SCHOOL  
GRADE 2  
theme: the snowstorm

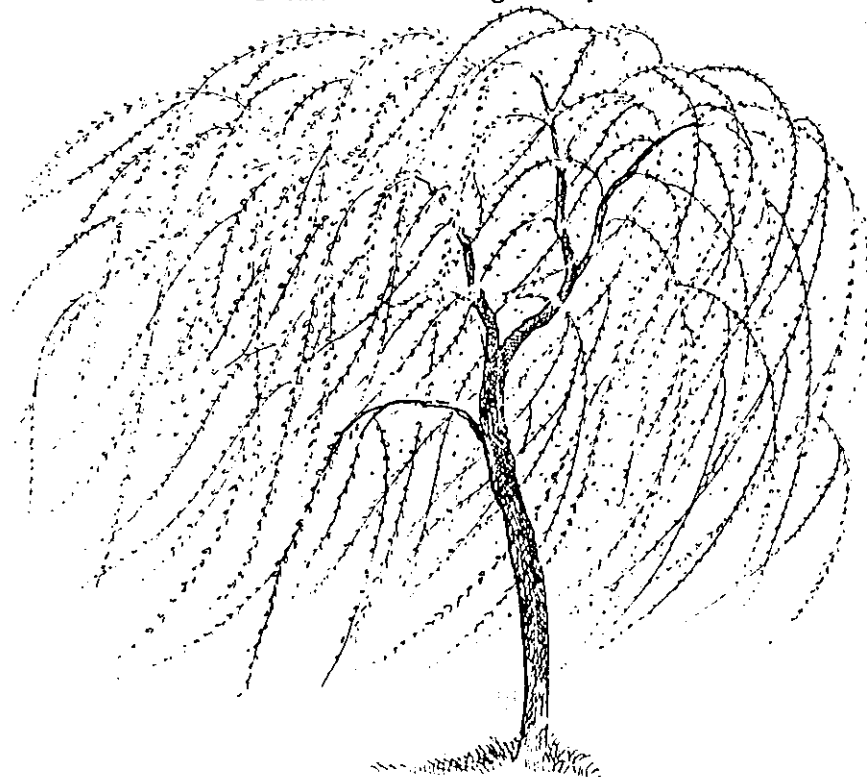


### WHEN I GROW UP

When I grow up  
I want to be  
As tall and graceful  
As a willow tree.

I'll dance away  
Beneath the sky  
And move my feet  
As if to fly.

MEGHAN MURRAY  
ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL  
GRADE 3  
theme: when I grow up



### HAPPINESS IS...

The first day of spring  
Is a happy thing,

When winter is over,  
Then grows the clover,

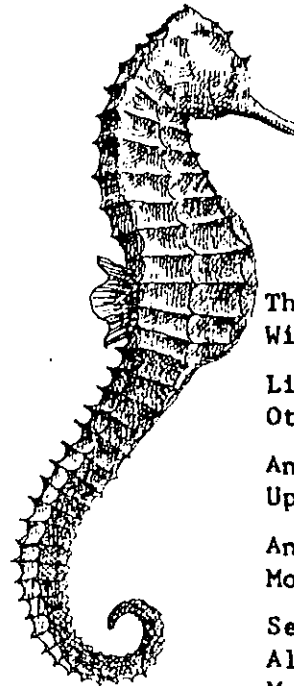
Baseball in the park,  
Staying up after dark,

Playing with a friend,  
For hours on end,

That's what happiness is.

BRIAN DODDS  
KINGSBURY SCHOOL  
GRADE 4

theme: happiness is...



### THE OCEAN

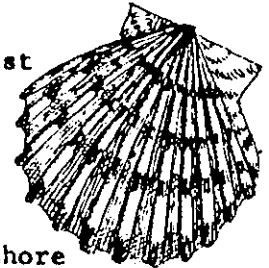
The ocean is filled  
With so many things

Like rocks and corals and  
Other things

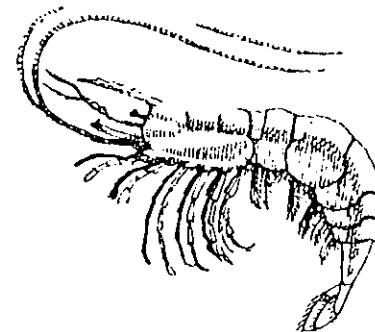
And whoosh! shells cast  
Upon the shore

And back again  
More and more

Seaweed and rocks  
Also drift upon the shore  
More, more, and even more



JENNIFER RICE  
ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL  
GRADE 5  
theme: the ocean



If I could be the wind  
I would blow very hard  
Knocking down the trees  
Ripping over the yard  
WHOOSH  
WOOSH

Turning over the fences  
Tearing off the roofs  
Scattering the leaves  
And then POOF

ELLEN BARRETT  
ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL  
GRADE 6  
theme: if I could be...



Cloud 9 where:  
UNICORNS: WHITE AS SNOW

Unicorns: white as snow,  
with silky skin.  
Clouds: cushiony,  
soft, and fluffy.

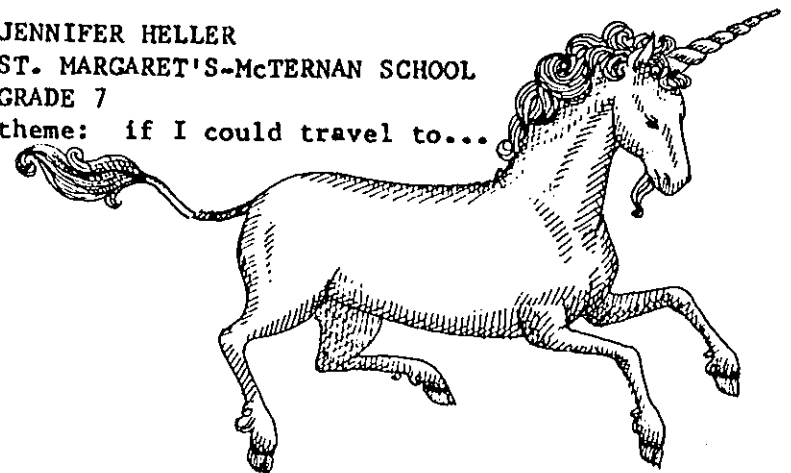
Ground of rainbows,  
surrounded by unicorns;  
alone in a rainstorm.  
Hear them blow their horns,  
beautiful sounds.

My imagination,  
soft, soft ground.  
Unicorns, by my side,  
breathaway: very proud.

Wind: soft music,  
now gliding up: swift bird  
Too, too hard,  
to describe in one word.

Unicorns: white as snow,  
with silky skin.  
Clouds: cushiony,  
soft, and fluffy.

JENNIFER HELLER  
ST. MARGARET'S-McTERNAN SCHOOL  
GRADE 7  
theme: if I could travel to...



## YOU'LL NEVER KNOW

I have a very secret wish,  
but you will never know  
who or what it is about.  
I'll try not to let it show.

You'll never know!  
I'll never tell!  
I may hint a bit,  
But it's just as well.

'cause if you knew,  
It wouldn't be  
A secret wish  
Known just to me.

My wish involves the summer,  
But mostly it's of school.  
Less of one, more of ---  
Wait! I'm not a fool!

If I don't stop now,  
You are gonna guess  
So nyaah! I kept my  
Secret -- more or less!

JENNIFER FISCHER  
ST. MARGARET'S-McTERNAN SCHOOL  
GRADE 8  
theme: my secret wish



## HONORABLE MENTION

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- K - ANDREW BARBOZA, St. Mary
- 1 - JHORGE RICHARDSON, Regan
- 2 - ANDREA CYBART, Driggs
- 3 - DAVID JENSEN, St. Mary
- 4 - JENNIFER BUELL, St. Mary
- 5 - TASHA RENEE BLOUNT, Berkeley Community  
IAN MORAN, Kingsbury
- 6 - LESLIE FLOWERS, Wallace Middle
- 7 - KRISTI WHEELER, St. Margaret's-McTernan
- 8 - SARAH ZAK, St. Margaret's-McTernan



### MY FAVORITE PERSON

My favorite person is my cousin Mimi  
because we play catch together,  
sometimes we go to the park in the  
back of her house.

And we slide on the slide together,  
she pushes me on the swing,  
and we bring our walkmans with us  
to listen to our music.

One day we went to Mystic Seaport  
together

And we went on the boat.

We had lots of fun and that's  
why she is my favorite person.

ANDREW BARBOZA  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
KINDERGARTEN  
theme: my favorite person

### MY FAMILY

My family is nice. We had a nice supper.  
Boy it was good! We had chicken, and collard  
greens, and macaroni and cheese. When I got  
finished, I said More Please? I have brothers  
and sisters, and a mom and dad. They help me out  
when I am sad. They cheer me up and I am glad.  
I love my family very much, and I know they  
love me too. Love is the best thing around. I  
think so, How about you?

JHORGE RICHARDSON  
REGAN SCHOOL  
GRADE 1  
theme: my family

### THE SNOWSTORM

The snowstorm is coming  
the radio men warn.

I look up and try to  
see the snow being born.

I know it comes from  
the clouds in the sky.

But no one ever tells  
me the reason why.

Well, maybe God makes  
snowstorms to turn the  
world white.

This might stop people who  
like to fight.

ANDREA CYBART  
DRIGGS SCHOOL  
GRADE 2  
theme: the snowstorm

### WHEN I GROW UP

When I grow up I'd like to be,  
An astronaut with personality,  
With the wings on my ship bolted and secure,  
I'd fly to Mars, straight and sure,  
I'd land on Mars, explore the craters,  
And keep a lookout for space invaders.

DAVID JENSEN  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
GRADE 3  
theme: when I grow up

# HAPPINESS IS:

Happiness is the world so wide  
Happiness is your heart inside,  
Happiness is a kittens smile  
Happiness is a newborn child,  
Happiness is the Lord up high  
Happiness is the beautiful sky,  
Happiness is also you and I.

JENNIFER BUELL  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
GRADE 4

theme: happiness is...

# THE OCEAN

The ocean is a giant birthday cake  
Which ancient rainstorms did make.  
Some layers are hot and some layers are cold,  
With fish that are both young and old.

The frosting is blue or green  
Depending on where it is seen.  
The candles are sun and moon,  
Which are lit at midnight or noon.

IAN MORAN  
KINGSBURY SCHOOL  
GRADE 5  
theme: the ocean

# THE OCEAN

The bright blue Ocean with floating sailboats  
upon its surface guided by the wind  
Along with its snails and shells lying beneath  
The laugh of the visitors, the cry of the wind,  
will it never end?

The Sun starts to dim and the moon takes its  
its place  
The sun goes down, and the wind starts to howl  
Nighttime is here and it's time to prow  
The Ocean's waves get upset as the wind  
takes them over

The sun gets back at the dirty Moon and  
Morning turns once again, and the Moon and  
Its helpers dissolve once more  
Now our Ocean is back to normal, and its  
things are all in place

Why of course this could never End, could it?  
But no one really knows but the Ocean itself!

TASHA RENEE BLOUNT  
BERKELEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
GRADE 5  
theme: the ocean

IF I COULD BE A CLOUD

If I could be a cloud  
so fluffy in the sky.  
I'd sit and watch the birds  
as they went flying by.  
"So cottony and soft!"  
That's what the folks would say  
As they could see me floating  
on a bright and sunny day.  
I'd change myself to gray  
Maybe only for an hour,  
Watching people with umbrellas  
As I shared a friendly shower.  
And when the day was over -  
and night falls into place  
I'd stretch out with a yawn  
and just drift around in space

LESLIE FLOWERS  
WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GRADE 6  
theme: if I could be a...

IF I COULD TRAVEL TO PLACES IN HISTORY

To soar backward on the wings of history  
As we fly to our ancestors' home  
To glide on the sense of its mystery  
Back to old Christendom  
  
To alight in the homes of Egyptians  
Where pharaohs stood brave and tall  
To hear the Greeks' adoration  
Of the gods' lives in great halls  
  
As an eagle in flight o'er the battles  
To sail where the nations were formed  
When gentlemen sat in the saddle  
As around them common men swarmed

KRISTI WHEELER  
ST. MARGARET'S-McTERNAN SCHOOL  
GRADE 7  
theme: if I could travel to...

"A TREE'S SECRET WISH"

An old grey tree  
Wishes to see  
Where the dawn is day  
And angels play.

Where the air is clean  
And there's time to dream  
Of things to be  
And things to see.

Where war is never  
And love is ever  
Amidst green leaves  
Of forest eves.

Reach old tree  
And look to see  
Where dawn is day  
And angels play.

SARAH ZAK  
ST. MARGARET'S-McTERNAN SCHOOL  
GRADE 8  
theme: my secret wish