BIRDS AND BEES

I'm sure that I have never heard
A song as lovely as a bird's
Who sings all day up in the trees
And nests among the bright green leaves.

I'm sure that I shall never see
An insect lively as a bee
Who lifts its busy wings to fly
From flower low to flower high.

Heather McMaster, Form 9C2

MOVING OUT

Roll up the carpets of flowers,
Take down the draperies of the trees,
Transfer the birds to another place,
Bid someone, house the bees.

Summer is moving out and has
No more a need of these.

With shroud of frost cover each thing,
Turn off the warm, the scented breeze.
Put out the last fires of the rose,
This is the end of summer's lease:

Till Spring flings wide the doors again
Let Earth's house sleep in peace.

by Carol Smith, 12A2

WINTER

The cold wind, the chilly nights,
When thought of bed and dreamland play
A sour note, to the man who must remain
And bear its torturing blows.

As though a master, punishes his dog.
But is this world in all its vanity, not
In the least, like the predatory master,
How admirably winter, to the character,
Shows clearly the world and petty prizes,
Where etiquette falters and scum arises.

Winter, a harsh word to the tramp,
A merry exclamation to the child, who vividly
Sees the snowball fights, and cozy warm beds
When, dark at night,
He thanks his lucky stars that he is he,
And not the tramp.

Robert Dalgleish, Form 9A2

SUGGESTIONS

Going out? Just halt a moment
And listen to my tale,
If you remember this advice
Your looks should never fail.

Have you brushed your teeth this morning,
Made them sparkle, pearly-white?
Have you washed your face and fingers
Made them shining bright?
Have you done the thousand-and-one things
That make a well-groomed sight?
Nails, hair, hands, and faces,
You can't keep them out of sight!
Check, before you venture outwards
And you'll always be just right!

Anonymous
CONDAMINE

By a forge near a hut on the Condamine River
A blacksmith laboured at his ancient trade;
With his hammer swinging and his anvil ringing
He fashioned bells from a crosscut blade.
And while he toiled by the Condamine River
He sang a song for a job well done;
And the song and the clamour of his busy hammer
Merged and mingled in a tempered tone.
And his bells rang clear from the Condamine River
To the Gulf of the Leeuwin, over soil and sand;
Desert eagles winging heard his stockbells ringing
As a first voice singing in a songless land.
The smith is lost to the Condamine River
Gone is the humpy where he used his skill;
But the song and the clamour of his busy hammer
Ring on through the land of the Condamine still.

by J. Sheraton

PONDER A WHILE

Have you ever seen a sunbeam
Dancing on the dew?
Ever watched a sunset
Flame and gold and blue?
Have you ever stopped to listen
To a happy, chirping sparrow
Who knows he has a Someone
A Friend to guide, to follow?
A Friend who's always near you
To hear what you might say,
Who'll guard, and teach, and cheer you
Lovingly, in every way.
If, in all your earthly travels
You chance to think one day,
Remember Him, who gave to you
Himself, His love, and pray.

by A Crusader

THE MERMAID

I saw a mermaid in the sea,
She looked so happy there,
Having nothing else to do
She sat and combed her hair.
Her home it was a coral cave
Beneath the shining sea,
She kept her house so spic and span
It was a treat to see.

Susan Caulfield, 9C3

SURF-RIDER

The sun is streaming down upon the sea,
Waves are curling high and breaking free,
He sits alone on his board, and waits for the wave,
A swell turns into a great dark cave,
Quickly he paddles, and the foam is floating high,
He swiftly rises and silhouettes his form against the sky,
With the grace of a gull, he sways from side to side,
And the great red board he rides appears to slide
Across the wave and under the curl shoots he,
With skill and balance timed so perfectly,
Closer, closer, and still closer, he rides to the shore,
And the wave looks shot with sun and topped with hoar,
The shore is reached and the ripples take their place,
And the greatest thrill of all, is the sun in the rider's face.

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