

FLOAT AWAY



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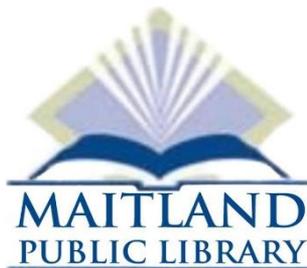


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“Float Away,” by Olivia Rios
Dommerich Elementary School, 3rd Grade

First Place

My dear dog Jasmin, how I miss you so much! It's like you just floated away from me
how I miss you very dearly. It melted my heart when you floated away from me, my
family and friends. That was the probably the worst day of my life! I guess you
floated away like the wind and soared though the sky of course with your spirit and you
flew to heaven. Oh I miss the days with you! Those days were the best! Even if you
are floating or soaring having fun in heaven I still miss you! You're so sweet my dear
float. I have many more words to say but I'm so exhausted.
FLOAT....

**“The Balloon,” by Sophie Lou
Park Maitland School, 3rd Grade**

Second Place

Feeling like a cloud

Light as a feather

Over mountains I go, so very proud

As I float away, basking in glorious weather

The children look up and point

Airy is how I feel

With the wind blowing me over tree tops

A beautiful sea close by, its color teal

Yet soon my adventure is over...POP!

“A Wonderful World and All Its Wonders,”
by Maya Troutman
Dommerich Elementary School, 3rd Grade
Third Place

My body is gliding through the water with a gentle push
I feel as though I am being carried by protective arms
The arms will shield me from harm

I glide through a cove where it's peaceful and calm
I float in the tranquil waves and meet a dolphin
I swim alongside him as I feel the moisture of the water
I drift on to the sand
I feel my body warmed as I feel the warmth of the sun

And I notice all the wonders in the
Wonderful
World

“Flowing” by Zoe and Jude Horan
Dommerich Elementary School, 1st Grade
Honorable Mention

How the ocean flows
And the waves tickle my toes.

How the boat flows
When the wind blows.

Many fish make the ocean their home
But they must watch out
For the sharks that roam.

A little boy lost his toy
When his boat floated away.
He cried all day.

He went to the beach
To chase the waves
There he stayed for many days.

The ocean flows
And moves the waves.
His toy came home
On his last day.

“I Wish I Could Just Float Away,” by Landon Wodi

Park Maitland School, 4th Grade

First Place

When I wake up in the morning sometimes I wish I could just float away and go out and play. Like a leaf drifting slowly away.

I dream of a time when the world will change for the better.

When there is peace and everyone is at ease. Nobody has to

worry about getting jobs and angry mobs protesting and

nobody has to worry about money. Life will be as sweet as

honey and dreams will come true and your imagination can fly

like a butterfly gracefully flying in the wind and nobody will cry

because life will be perfect.

So that is why I just wish I could just float away.

“Floating Away (Haiku),” by Brody Sarkarati

Park Maitland School, 4th Grade

Second Place

Soft and calm it is
The flow of water
So very soothing

Mother Nature is
The smell of pure peacefulness
Breath in, then breath out

Water is so nice
Calmness flows through
my body
No words can describe

Floating down a stream
It truly feels like a dream
So enjoyable

Mindfulness is here
The water just feels so nice
Wildlife is neat

The wind in the trees
How come it is so peaceful
Mother Nature, me

“Float Away—The Mighty Ship,” by Clayton Stevens

Dommerich Elementary School, 4th Grade

Third Place

It is being built,

In a shipyard,

In my town,

It’s mighty.

It’s time.

My mother left to go,

We could see the ship from here,

I didn’t want her to go.

Few days later,

She never came back,

then,

My father said to me,

You knew it.

“Fantastic Fiction,” by Airlie Kittinger
Dommerich Elementary School, 5th Grade
Honorable Mention

As I float away into a book

I imagine characters and how they look.

The plot unfolds before my eyes

I’m on an island with clear blue skies.

I smell the aroma of salt air

As the wind blows and tussles my hair.

I feel the warm grainy sand beneath my toes

The waves come crashing in and a fin arose.

As I read to the end my mind was in shock

A book can take you anywhere, for there is no lock.

No limitations, no stop signs, and no dead end

It’s a land of another’s creation that we can all attend.

“The Star,” by Liv Gamboa
Park Maitland School, 6th Grade
First Place

Long ago I was among my friends,
They are now the ones I no longer see,
The narrow path starts to end,
All my hope begins to leave me.

I continue to float further away,
Off into the distant abyss,
I finally spot a faded ray,
I begin to sob and reminisce.

I imagine my friends playing with me,
Back when I was just a teeny star,
I now live in fear of the surrounding galaxy,
I feel so close and yet so far,
Hours pass, and all I do is wait,
I’m out here alone. Is this my fate?

“Floating Away,” by Keira Schaefer
Mountain View Middle School, 7th Grade
Second Place

I wish I could float away
Like a boat in a stranded sea
Away from all of reality
That this world holds
I wish I could fly away
Like a free bird
Away from all my troubles
That is weighted on my shoulders
I wish I could disappear
Like a ghost in the night
Away from everything
That is pressuring
Floating, flying, and disappearing
From the pandemic

“Float Away,” by Daemon DuBois
Maitland Middle School, 7th Grade

Third Place

Float away, like a balloon
heading up towards the moon
slipping away as my dreams fly high
climbing higher, to touch the sky
As I open my eyes
I start to see the trophy that was awarded to me,
as I start to wonder where I was
I noticed that I was floating high
No matter how far I go I will always remember where I need to
be
Floating away as I go
I will always end up
Home.

“Away (A Deceased Lover’s Poem),” by Liam Kimes

Park Maitland School, 6th Grade

To leave the earth, I jump up high
Inside my mind, I float away
Leaving all the bonds I had behind
Away, I now leave him to fade

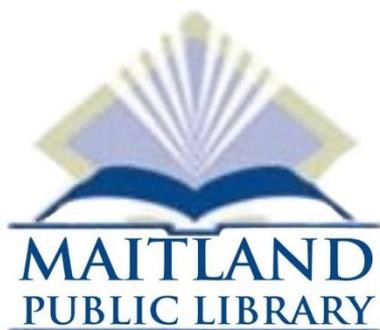
He keeps his feet down to the ground
Now that I have forever gone away
He stays away from the sea lest he drowns
Now that I have left, he will fade

Never will I see him again
Never will we rejoice together
Our life never even began
Always gone, always a closed letter

Life is a revolving door
Life changes in an instant, nothing more

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