

# High School Poetry Competition Winning Entries

1<sup>st</sup> place

## "The Harbour City"

You're walking along the sundrenched seawall Taking in the tranquil beauty Vivid colours of  
leisure boats Resting peacefully in the harbour Above in the sky a twin beaver Soars away with  
ease and grace Aromatic smells draw you back

Robust Coffee                      Energy  
Flavourful Ice Cream              Enjoyment  
Sweet Candy                        Excitement

Continuing along your peaceful walk  
Step by Step,                      Stride by Stride  
You suddenly find yourself upon a bridge Standing secure on the divide  
To the left      a serene lagoon  
To the right     a lively ocean  
Ahead            stands a vista of magnificent trees  
Protecting an enchanting castle of fun  
This is the place to be  
To let go and be free

By Eden Rowe  
Ladysmith High School

2nd place

## "Nanaimo"

Rose from the mines  
And dwells on the sea  
It's my picturesque recollection  
It's where my memories reside  
It's the start of my every relation  
Where I can feel the breathing tide  
It's my bank of memory  
It's my harbour of thoughts  
A realistic dream  
Nothing more I've ever sought  
The place I learned to live  
It's my future and my past  
The ship of life I sail  
Raise my flag up to the mast  
Nanaimo is my home  
It will never cease to be  
The forests and the oceans  
Nanaimo is the key

By Eli Bueckert  
Grade 10, Wellington Secondary School

3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Breath on Mount Benson**

Tree tops down steep hills

Aged coal sleeps below the coast

Birds fly to and from.

By Sophia Halfyard

Grade 11, Wellington Secondary School