

**Winning Entry: Junior High School**

“OUTSIDE MY WINDOW” BY KATE ASKE

A little girl  
walks comfortably  
alongside the silence  
and sleepiness that comes  
when the fog and the rain  
arrive together  
and she walks underneath  
her umbrella, so that all  
I see is the  
bright pink  
and floral of her boots  
except –

Except when she spins  
her umbrella around,  
lifting her face  
to the heavens  
to watch  
the gentle drops of sky  
falling towards her.