

*Grand Prize Winner*

*My Belizean Valentine*

Golden jewels amidst the sand  
glow bright as day draws near.  
In golden light the sea birds sail  
A sight I hold so dear.

A red, jeweled orb peaks o'er the sea  
Clouds of silver and rose abound.  
The dance begins, the waves delight  
to the bliss of morn's sweet sound.

Beloved, you gather the card, the chocolates  
So sweetly to present to me.  
But may I remind, I'm "Valentine blind"  
For my heart belongs to Ambergris Caye.

The dance of the children, the sounds of the town-  
all this I cherish most.  
You hold second place in a not-so-close race  
with the golden Belizean coast.

Yet I say, "Don't despair; please,  
just follow me there. I'm bound for an  
ocean so true.  
A whisper is heard, faint as wings of a bird.  
This paradise is meant for two!

By: Julie Muller

*A humble gift on Valentine's – Most Romantic*

It's our "Apple Day" today, my dear EVE  
A time to trust, a day to believe  
That I have loved you all the time  
Especially now, on Valentine

Your faithful ADAM am I  
And you my lovely, Valentine  
Let's keep our "garden" alive  
By toiling it together, to survive

My humble gift for you today, is a  
Promise for life  
That we'll forever be,  
Husband and wife  
(May God bless you on Valentine's)

By: Vernon H. Tillett

*Smelly sock love – Funniest*

I love my smelly socks,  
I keep them in a box,  
They're full of holes,  
Burnt by coals,  
But I will still love my socks.

The box as well is smelly,  
The socks are stained by jelly,  
Both really stink,  
Could use a bath in the sink,  
And the scent would hurt your belly.

But still I love my socks,  
Full of holes and in a box,  
Though others wouldn't,  
They really couldn't  
I love my smelly socks.

By: Hannah Gaunt

*This contribution is from my father, Bradley Haylock. He wrote this poem for his wife, Marie Haylock, deceased last year while he was incarcerated in Costa Rica. He misses her, he misses his beloved San Pedro, and wrote this poem to share the moment with his friends.*

***To my beloved wife, Marie Haylock – Top Foreign Entry***

Happily married 45 years  
My vital spark for many cheers  
Always laughing and carefree  
That's how I remember my Marie.

The effervescence of her smile  
Personality, so versatile  
I thought our love would always be  
Now it is just a memory.

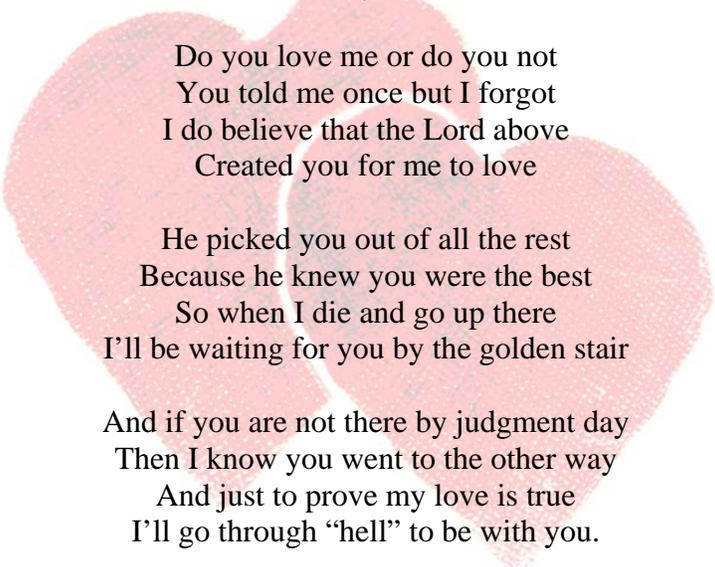
Bewitching with her constant charm  
Pleasant days without alarm  
Times of constant reverie  
That's how I think of my Marie.

Farewell until we meet once more  
Far away on that eternal shore  
Now life is just an aftershock  
I grieve and mourn Marie Haylock.

*Tatito – Honorable Mention*

On my first day of life  
You held me so tight  
We didn't get that much time  
But I knew you were mine  
I will never forget that fateful day  
When God took you away  
I miss you so dearly  
I wish you were still near me  
And in my heart I know  
You will never let me go.  
By: Lauren Trejo

*Do you*



Do you love me or do you not  
You told me once but I forgot  
I do believe that the Lord above  
Created you for me to love  
  
He picked you out of all the rest  
Because he knew you were the best  
So when I die and go up there  
I'll be waiting for you by the golden stair  
  
And if you are not there by judgment day  
Then I know you went to the other way  
And just to prove my love is true  
I'll go through "hell" to be with you.  
  
By: Joseph Castillo "Punchi"

*Te digo adios*

Te digo adiós, y acaso, te quiero todavía  
No puedo olvidarte, pero te digo adiós  
No se si me quisiste, no se si te quería,  
O tal vez nos quisimos, demasiado los dos

Ese cariño nuestro apasionado y loco  
Me lo metí en el alma, para quererte a ti  
No se si te ame mucho, no se si te ame poco  
Pero se que nunca volvere amar asi

Te digo adios, y acaso, con esta despedida  
Mis mejores sueños mueren dentro de mi  
Pero te digo adios, para toda la vida  
Aunque toda la vida siga pensando en ti

Cesar Cerpa Jr.

*The Valentine I'll Never Have!*

I wish I could see him everyday,  
I miss him so much in everyway,  
I wish he could look at me with those dark brown eyes,  
for which I know I shall cry,

He looks at me like just a friend,  
with which a friendship he sees will never end,  
I love him yes, more that luv could test,  
But i cant tell him or show him with my tenderness,  
For he's so far away,

I wish i could be by his side,  
but that wish seems so unreal as the days go by,  
He is the perfect valentine,  
A valentine which could never be mine.

By: Elizabeth Canul

*Tu mi dulce y tierno corazón*

Dulce amor mío que tendrás tú en tu carita angelical e incomparable  
Y en tu mirada hermosa y muy cautivadora. Que tienes todo tú  
Que me inspiras todo esto que siento por ti – mi triste y tonto corazón. Late como loco al sentir  
tu sublime presencia y tu calida cercanía. A mi diosito le doy gracias por darme a una estrella  
que ilumine mi vida y un precioso lucerna cuando tu estas frente a mi.

Sonríe corazón que eso te hace ver mas bello y genial. Al iluminarse tus lindos ojitos siento una  
gran dicha y paz en mi corazón. Tu presencia me fascina me trastorna y me domina. Creo  
perteneceerte pues ya te siento mi dueño. Solo espero tus mandatos, cumplidos serán al instante a  
tus órdenes mi amor.

Castígame por favor con tus manos con tus ojos y con tu boquita también. Que tus manos me  
acaricien y tus ojitos siempre me miren y que tu boquita dulce y preciosa no me dejen de sonreír.  
Que castigo mas dulce yo lo aceptó con amor por que tu seras por siempre mi dulce y tierno  
corazón.

Velma Melendez

*Angus Miller, Caterpillar*

Angus Miller,  
Caterpillar.  
Occupation,  
Mastication.  
Everyday,  
Without a miss,  
Eating leaves,  
Till I am a chrysalis,  
Which is a worm  
That weaves.  
I'll sleep  
And spin  
A tread of silk.  
Then one day  
By and by,  
I'll get awake,  
And then I'll be  
A gorgeous  
Butterfly.

*Untitled*

I want to look in your eyes  
To see if there is love  
I want to whisper in your ears  
I love you  
I want to hold you close to me  
To feel the warmth of your body  
I want for you to be mine  
To hold  
To love  
To cherish  
To never part  
I am here  
To love you  
To look you in the eyes  
To hug you  
To comfort you  
To never part  
To tell you  
To show you  
How much I love you  
Be my valentine

*Be my Valentine*

You're the only person in my life that I can talk to about  
anything openly.  
You're my best friend, my confidant, my  
lover, my hero.  
The only one who doesn't jump to judge me  
or ridicule me at some of my silliest phrases.  
When I'm  
around you I can't help but be clumsy and a bit uncoordinated  
without trying, but you're always there to pick me up or catch me.  
Your kisses are as sweet as nectar your lips so soft,  
so tender and you're just so gentle and caring.  
A day without you in my life is too tragic to even imagine.  
A moment in your arms makes the worst day or the  
biggest problem seem minimal.  
You've been there through  
thick and thin, never left my side.  
I know you've heard it a million times before, "Darling, I love you."  
Be my Valentine today, tomorrow and forever.

By: Yesenia Rhaburn

*An ODE to my lover*

If this poem had a name  
It would have yours  
No one would be able to receive  
This dedication  
No one except you  
You are the reason of each line

If the emotions of each line  
Are clearly perceived  
Is because they are written  
With an ardent desire to please you

If I'm not in school  
There's no one who can whisper  
(during lunch break) the way I do  
There will never be any one  
Who could ever tell you I love you  
In my own special way

No one can write a poem  
Expressing your love for me  
The way I do  
No where else will you read an ode  
Expressing our mutual feelings  
Dedicated to you  
No one can dedicate a poem to you  
The way I do  
No one can read this ode the way I do  
No one can inspire me the way you do

Linda Oliva

***Be my valentine!***

**Be my valentine for  
Each day I think of how much we've grown together!**

**Memories of yesterday linger through my mind; I am forever  
Yearning for your kiss, your touch and your beautiful smile!**

**Vivid images come to mind when I think of you  
Always helping me through.  
Loneliness I feel no more  
Even when you are not around  
Nothing can change the way we feel  
The love, the friendship, the longing we share  
Inspires us to show how much we care  
Never had I felt or  
Even dreamed that I could love someone this way!**

Written by: Gonzalo Muñoz

***“Contigo”***

**Contigo quiero estar siempre  
A ti e tengo en mente  
Contigo quiero compartir mi amor  
A ti te doy una flor**

**Contigo quiero soñar  
A ti no te haré llorar  
Contigo quiero vivir  
A ti te haré sonreír**

**Contigo quiero estar  
En este día tan especial  
Y en este día de San Valentin  
Contigo quiero estar hasta el Fin**

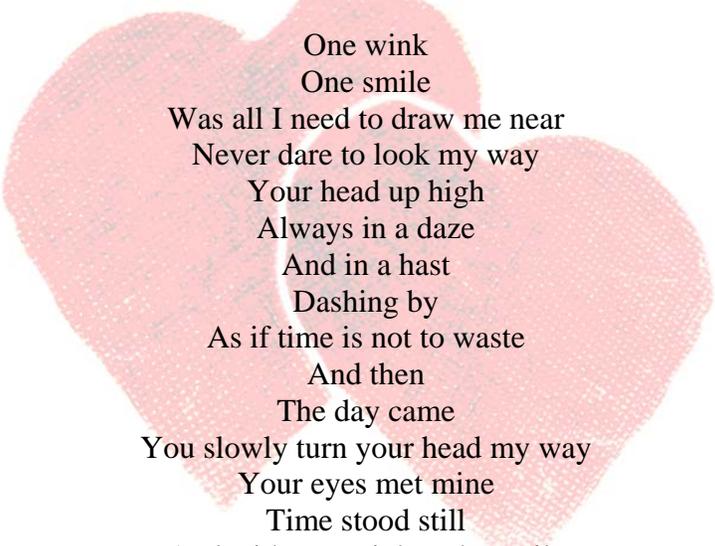
Written by: Gonzalo Muñoz Jr

*Damn Mosquito*

He came to me one night  
Explored my body  
Licked, swallowed  
Had his fill  
When satisfied he left  
I was hurt  
Damn mosquito  
Happy Valentine

By: Betty Tzul

*Untitled*



One wink  
One smile  
Was all I need to draw me near  
Never dare to look my way  
Your head up high  
Always in a daze  
And in a hast  
Dashing by  
As if time is not to waste  
And then  
The day came  
You slowly turn your head my way  
Your eyes met mine  
Time stood still  
And with one wink and a smile  
I was yours to keep

By: E.V. Guerrero

*Untitled*

I want to look in your eyes  
To see if there is love  
I want to whisper in your ears  
I love you  
I want to hold you close to me  
To feel the warmth of your body  
I want for you to be mine  
To hold  
To love  
To cherish  
To never part  
I am here  
To love you  
To look you in the eyes  
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To confront you  
To never part  
To tell you  
To show you  
How much I love you  
Be my valentine

By: E.V. Guerrero

*“my Love”*

Your love means more than words could ever say,  
Your hugs and kisses brightens up my day,  
Your warmth of care wipe away my fear,  
My love for you is always near.

I love you so much till it hurts me bad,  
I want to spend the rest of my life with you and no longer be sad,  
Days and weeks may pass without seeing each other, but I have you in my heart and that's all that matters.

My love for you grows stronger each day and a feeling of loneliness might pass by my way.  
The warmth of your love has captured my heart and mend it with thine to last forever more and not part.

The love of my life,  
I long to be with you,  
I cherish each moment, each day that I share with you  
By: Mark.A.Cuellar

## *Hurricane*

Sleep at noon window blind.  
Rattle and bang, pay no mind.  
Door go jump like somebody coming.  
Let him come, tin roof drumming.  
Drum away - she's drummed before.  
Blinds blow loose, unlatch the door.  
Look up in the sky through the machineel,  
Black show through like a hole in your heel.  
Look down shore at the old canoe,  
Rag-a-tag sea turn white, turn blue.  
Kick up dust in the lee of the reef,  
Wallop around like a lob-lolly leaf.  
Let her wallop - who's afraid?  
Gale from the northeast; just the trade.  
And that's when you hear it; far and high.  
Sea birds screaming down the sky.  
High and far like screaming leaves,  
Tree branch slams across the eaves,  
Rain like pebbles on the ground...  
And the sea turns white,  
And the wind goes round.  
by Giselle Alamilla

## **UNDESCRIBEABLE FEELINGS**

I don't know how to describe this feelings I have for you,  
Or even describe da couple of seconds I am away from you,  
Description of the minutes I talk to you,  
I would to turn them into a lifetime story and last forever with you,  
When you are near feelings come about,  
Though distance never tears what we are truly about,  
Your presence, your hug, your laughter, your kiss,  
Just the way you hold me tight aware me that I will never be mist,  
I feel for you more than ever before,  
Those days of not talkin I only longed for you more,  
Showing no signs of what I really felt,  
But this ink can no longer hold what iz truly felt,  
I care for you in every single way,  
Want you to know that I'm here to comfort and show love to you in each and every way,  
Be da one dat will stand by yo side,  
Thru good and bad storms I won't let dis love die

By: Mark.A.Cuellar

*Untitled*

Even if I travel the world, my heart knows it will always  
Belong to you....

How can I tell you goodbye my love, when you are my  
Reason for staying alive, when each morning as I get up,  
I thank the lord for having you at my side.

How can I tell you goodbye my love, when I know I wont  
Be able to smile again, nor sing for you, nor come up with  
Crazy stories that make you laugh.

How can I tell you goodbye my love, when I know I will  
Not be able to count the stars at night, by the beach in our  
Favorite spot, nor walk holding hands and stealing kisses  
Now and gain

How do you want me to tell you goodbye, when I still ache  
For your touch, when I still need that smile to make my day,  
When I am still in love with the most beautiful of men.

You can ask me to hand you over my heart, so you can  
See all it feels for you, you can ask me to give you my life,  
So you understand how much you mean to me,  
You can ask me to give up my best friend for you,  
But don't you ever ask me to let you go...  
To tell you goodbye  
Happy Valentines Day my love,

Martha Polanco

*I Don't Do Poetry*

I don't do poetry!

I just don't have the time,  
It's just not me to make things rhyme.

I don't do poetry!

I prefer I to sit and drink.  
It would be too much trouble  
And you have to really think.

I don't do poetry!

I can't see the pleasure,  
and who really gives a damn,  
about measure.

I don't do poetry!

I'll leave it to others.  
I'm sure its done by sissy men,  
who even write their mothers.

I don't do poetry!

And let's leave it at that!  
I could if I wanted to,

but keep it under your hat!

By: Elbert Greer

## *LONGIN FOR U*

Minutes is passing seconds tick away,  
Waiting on my departure & arrival in your arms left not astray,  
Patiently I wait as time goes bye,  
To be forever held by you my everlasting gal  
Time is going tockity toc,  
Patience running short 2 be loved not forgot,  
So here I stay in need 2 be with you,  
Captured by your love that came back to be tru.  
Sitting here meditating all there is,  
How I can get faster to you eliminating my wings,  
Gosh itz amazing how much I'm drawn to you,  
Hey my love just know I long for every bit of you.  
Time is coming excited as can be,  
I get to be in my baby arms w/o misery,  
Upon arrival smilez upon face,  
Given lots of hugs and much love feelin warmth in every place.  
I longed for you long enuff,  
With tonz of love dat lead to blush,  
Now that I'm here my heart rest upon yours,  
2 hearts 1 beat a love many truly adore.

Poet: Mark.A.Cuellar

### *Love Thieves*

The night we met, we became thieves.  
I, stole glances and you, stole my heart  
With my first look.  
Guilty, that night I was sentenced, swift  
And sure.  
For eternity, I am to be forever in love with  
You.

Jay Colonel

*Living with me*

I won't have a motive to go for a walk  
No one would be there to begin a talk  
I won't have anyone about whom to write  
No one to make angry and happy at night  
I won't have anyone to make me smile  
No one to even hug me for a while

I won't have anyone's help to strive  
No one with whom to attempt to survive  
I won't have anything to achieve  
I won't have a reason to live  
I won't have anything of anything  
My entire life would hang a string  
Really – I don't know what my love  
Would be if you were not  
Living your life with me

Linda Oliva

*LOVE – Don't fake it*

If you don't have love to give  
Don't fake it  
Love is pure  
Love is tender  
Love is bringing happiness to someone  
Love is bringing two hearts together to be one  
To understand, to cherish, to care  
Hearts are not meant to be broken  
If you don't have love to give  
Don't fake it  
True love may have come your way  
You will never give it a chance  
Careful when you play with love  
It's painful  
Don't take it as a game – its not  
You'll never know what pain you caused  
So  
If you don't have love to give  
Don't fake it

Written by: E.V. Guerrero

***One Wink***

One wink  
One smile  
Was all I need to draw me near  
I see you day by day passing by  
Never dare to look my way  
Your head up high  
Always in a daze  
And in a hast  
Dashing by  
As if time is not to waste  
And then  
The day came  
You slowly turn your head my way  
Your eyes met mine  
Time stood still  
And with one wink and a smile  
I was yours to keep

By: E.V.Guerrero

*Dear San Pedro Sun, My common-law-husband and I met in 2006, he lived in the city and I lived in San Pedro, one of our hobbies during our courting days was writing poems to each other, this is one of his personal favorites that I wrote for him...*

dedicated to my soul mate, Marc Anthony Cuellar, I call this one

## *MISSING YOU*

Missing you baby every night and day,  
Always have you in my heart the safest place where you stay,  
Reminiscing of da day you were right by my side,  
Couldn't forget da love we shared betta than lemon pie,

Always a blessing to hear from you,  
Nothing could compare more dan me being wit you,  
Thinkin of you every second dat passes by,  
How I love you so much and you my numba 1 guy,  
Over and over this love contiues to grow,  
Nourishin me wit yo love from your inner soul,  
You're my love of which I love, but true blessing showered us both and drowned us in this pool  
called love,

Constantly I dream of dreams coming true,  
U and me 2gether stand no longer as 2,  
Equally bond on love so true,  
Longing for the day I wake up next to u,  
Live life an love az you plz,  
As I love you forever till there is no me,  
Rest your heart as it lay against mine, a heart at contentment as our love outshine

written by: S.D.Perez

## *Old Airplane*

With my nose in the air and my head held high I sit endlessly reminiscing on what I used to be, a  
time when I was free.

A day when I spread my wings and screamed out in delight. The days when I took to flight.  
I sit and remember as I soared through the clouds and flew with the stars. The days when no  
holds barred.

Now I can only think back while time withers my body with rust. And a new era burries me with  
their dust.

I have only memories to comfort me during the days and stars to gaze on at night. While cool sea  
breeze caresses my face at twilight.

I sit all alone on a bed of cool greens and a stare at nothingness full of dreams.  
As I die a slow death with this ache in my heart. Praying for only one minute of a new start.

By: Nicole Reyes

## *Stay My Gold*

My heart, my soul, my being  
Contended with what I am seeing  
Lovestruck by simply just your presence  
Giving true reason to my wanted existence

Now, the thrill of adventure  
Later, the pain of torture  
Now, you're all I've got  
And then later, you are not

My mind, an echoing whistle  
My heart, an empty vessel  
Both going through a recurring phase  
Depression marks the passing days

On my pillow each and every night  
Tossing, turning, holding on tight  
Shedding a single blue tear  
knowing my heart wants you near

When you are far away  
There is nothing that I can say  
Not anyone will truly understand  
The disconnection I have in hand

This thorn in me must be left unseen  
Then made into a cover to seem serene  
My painful words are always untold  
I'm not sure how much longer I can hold

This pain is like a disease  
Growing worse and never will cease  
Come back to me, please!  
And set my heart to ease

- written by MyKE

## *Little Children*

Little eyes filled with tears  
Little bodies shiver with fear  
Little feet afraid to run  
Little smiles hidden from the sun

Little children near and far  
Suffering from the same ugly scar  
Little arms surrender  
To touches that should have been tender

Little worlds no longer filled with light  
Shadows cast over sparkling eyes over night.  
Little self-esteem crushed from and evil touch  
Dreams vanished because of wicked lust

Tiny bodies hidden with shame  
Evil desires in men to blame  
Little cuts and bruises tucked deep inside  
Babies living day after day with lies.

Little minds forced to grow with things a child should never know  
Training their little brains to forget  
A pain and hurt worst than death

Little mouths forced to kiss  
The essence of wickedness  
Little lips afraid to tell  
The terror of their little hell.

By: Nicole Reyes

*Every week, we would receive poems in every which way possible, and one special package arrived and enclosed was this letter and the following batch of poems. Thanks to Teacher Lisa and her very creative Standard 4 class! Two poems won prizes, including Funniest: "My Smelly Socks" by Hannah Gaunt and Honorable Mention: "Tatito" by Lauren Trejo*

Dear San Pedro Sun,  
Our class took the opportunity to really explore poetry!  
We practiced a meter, verse and rhyme  
‘Til every poet spent some time  
Composing stanzas, coupled or free  
To honor love – some seriously!  
Thank you for your consideration  
Next week, we’re on to – syllabification  
(It’s sweeping the nation!)

With love,  
Teacher Lisa’s Standard 4 Class  
The Island Academy

***Friends who love***

Friends will care through happiness and fear  
Friends will share your thoughts and sorrows  
And will always be near

Friends will play  
Friends will run  
Friends also have fun under sun  
Friends will comfort and give you love  
Friends will be there till the day is done

Friend who love are friends forever  
My friends I will always treasure  
Helping my friends in need is my pleasure  
Thats why my friends are forever.  
By: Einer A. Gomez JR

*I love...*

I love my dad  
I love my mom  
I love my sister too  
I love to go fishing when the  
Skies are blue  
I love my school  
I love homework  
I sometimes like to lie  
So, please give me ten out of ten  
Otherwise I'll cry.  
By: Justin Ritchie

*That boy*



I know that I could  
But just if I should

I start to talk to him  
And start to flutter  
But when he talks to me  
I start to shutter

He's weird and short  
Brown skin and blue eyes  
Lots of brown freckles  
But red when he cries

He hangs with boys  
He laughs and he talks  
He hates it when people are sighing  
He hums and he fohs

I'd ask him to prom  
I'd ask him to homecoming  
I'd ask him to dance the hockey-pockey

I know that I could  
But just if I should  
I would ask him to come over someday  
By: Christine Syme

*Crazy in love*

I was only eleven  
When I saw her it was like she fell from heaven  
She was hotter than flame  
But I didn't know her name  
So I asked her  
She said why bother  
Cause you're very crazy  
And always lazy  
You're the best thing in my life  
It was like you burst my heart with a knife

By: Chantz Kelly

*Valentine*



Very special  
A bit annoying  
Lovely still  
Entertaining  
No cure  
Together forever  
Interesting person  
Nobody better  
Enthralling

*Valentine*

This is my valentine poem to you  
I really like your eyes so blue  
I know what I say is true  
I will sing to you  
A song so new  
Then I'll make you  
A homemade valentine card with glue  
By: Joshua Leslie

### *Lovely Dovey*

Lovely dovey valentine  
Lovely dovey please be mine  
That special day is coming soon  
Tomorrow I'll meet you at moon  
Hopefully we're meant to be  
Come on dance with me  
Now I know don't you see  
I love you and you love me  
By: Kelly Wong

### *Love*

Love is like a dove  
That flies freely above the sky

Love is something that  
Grows everyday  
If it is cherished

Love is something that  
Grows rapidly

Love is like an amazing star  
That shines brightly in the sky.  
By: Doris Soriano

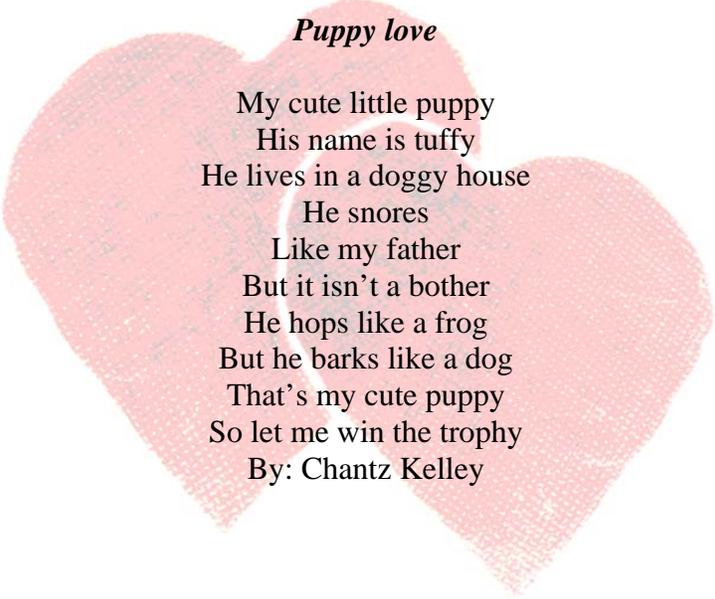
### *Love is in the air*

Love is in the air  
So find your perfect pair  
They could be sitting next to you  
Or living in Peru  
So find your Valentine  
Like I found mine  
And make them yours.  
By: Vilma Alyssa Arceo

***Love together forever***

Together forever  
Forever together  
We will be  
Through life  
Through sorrows, sin and death  
Love sometimes, it just doesn't do  
But we will do  
When we say I do  
You know I always say flowers are pretty  
And all may see couples may break up  
But never will we.  
By: Lina Alicia Mazariegos

***Puppy love***



My cute little puppy  
His name is tuffy  
He lives in a doggy house  
He snores  
Like my father  
But it isn't a bother  
He hops like a frog  
But he barks like a dog  
That's my cute puppy  
So let me win the trophy  
By: Chantz Kelley

*The rules of love*

There are many ways  
For one to say  
How much they love another  
Could be a rose  
Or a phrase  
It's up to your heart to discover  
Each one expresses an emotion  
Beyond what words can describe  
Love could build us up  
Or love could be our demise  
But we take that chance  
For if we didn't  
What would our world be?  
So come and take that chance  
And love  
Not matter what the fee  
By: Hannah Gaunt

