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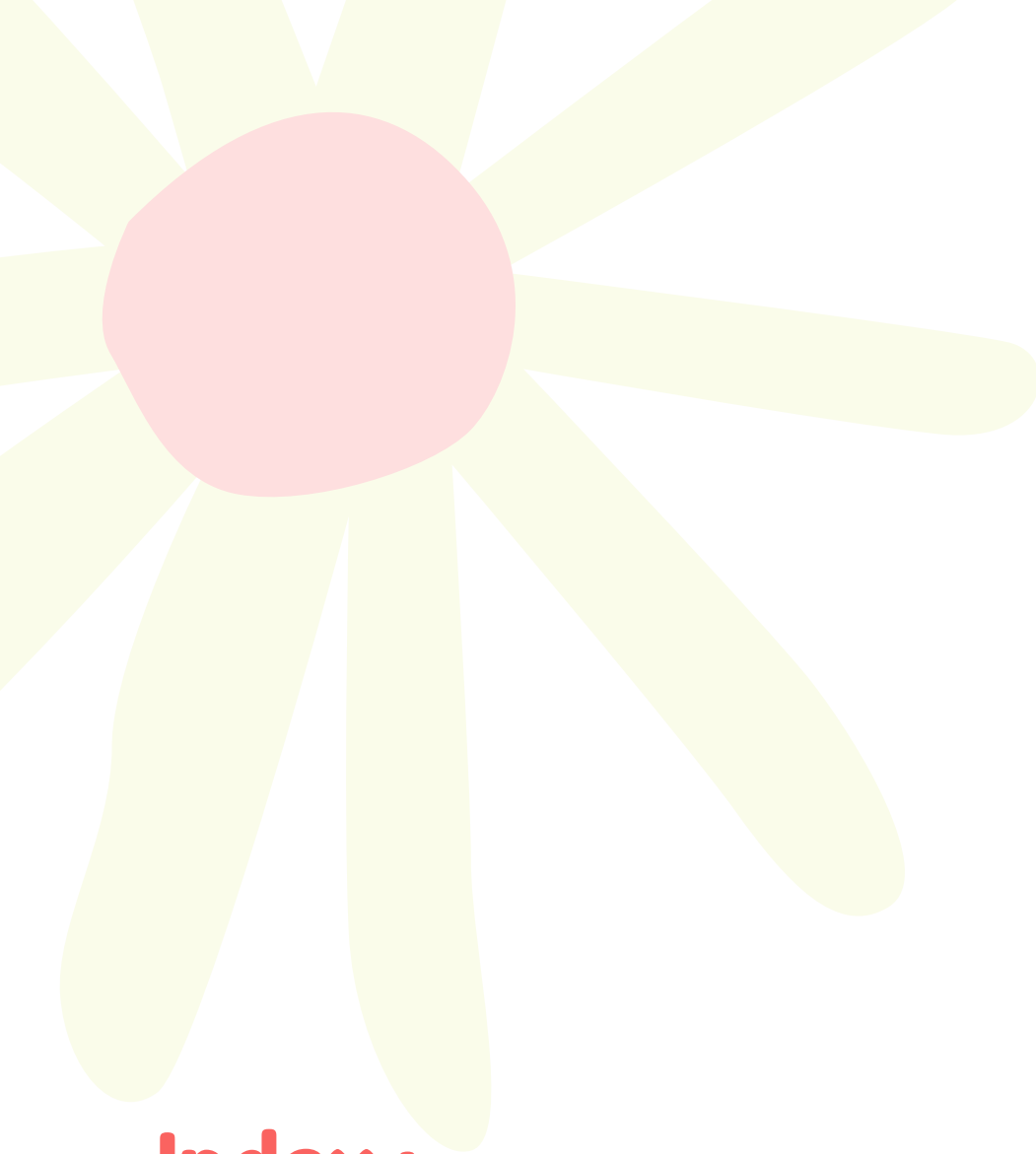
Every child has a story!!!!!!  
- Soumi Duttgupta



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# The Magical Owl

by Rajornya Mandal, Grade- 3 (in Feb 2019)

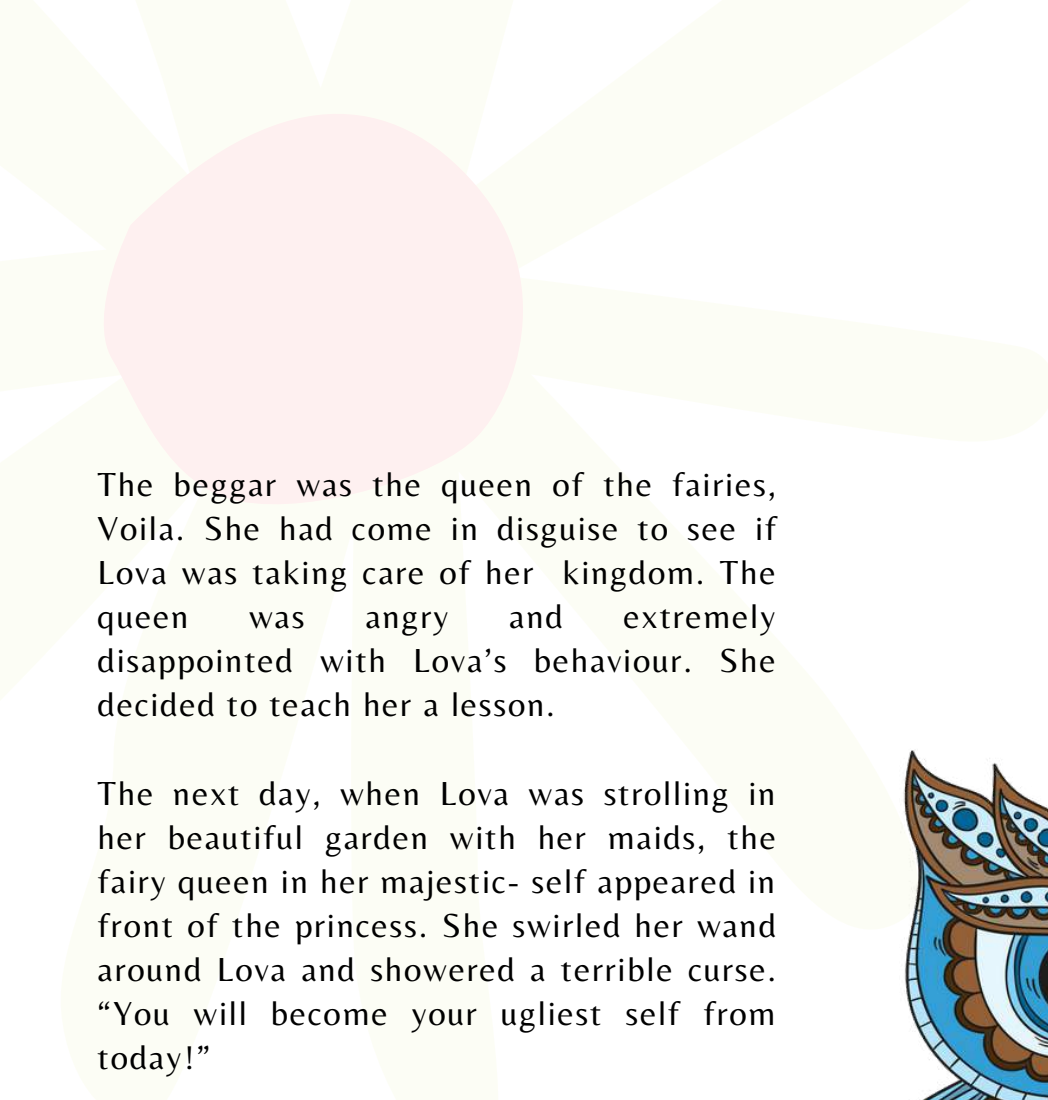
Long ago, there was an island in the blue Andaman sea, named blue drop. It was lush green and serene. The Roseville kingdom was deep inside the heart of this island. The kingdom had monkeys, bears, and many beautiful birds like larks, wrens, kingfisher, and others. Lova, the beautiful princess ruled the kingdom. She was very proud of her beauty and she spent hours looking at the mirror, admiring her looks. She would rarely attend to the needs of the kingdom.

Her only companion was her pet rabbit, Snowy. He was a witty rabbit and had saved Lova from many dangers. Not just ordinary animals, Roseville was also home to fairies. The fairies used to collect nectar for elixir and flowers to make garlands.

One day, after walking in her garden for a while, Lova went for a bath. Her bath chamber spread over acres of land overlooking the deep blue sea. Fragrance of rose and sandal always filled the chamber. Bathing was the most luxurious time for Lova.



Suddenly, a loud knock on the chamber door startled her. Everyone in the kingdom knew no one should disturb the princess now. The maids ran to the door to send the visitor away. To their surprise, an old lady with tattered dirty clothes and unkempt hair stood at the grand entrance of the bath chamber. The maids were surprised and tried to shoo her away. Displeased, she stood there without moving an inch. “I want to see the princess, I have come a long way.” The news reached the princess. Wrapping a diamond-studded bathrobe she stomped towards the door. Angry at the beggar’s audacity, the princess shouted at her and drove her away without even giving her a chance to talk.



The beggar was the queen of the fairies, Voila. She had come in disguise to see if Lova was taking care of her kingdom. The queen was angry and extremely disappointed with Lova's behaviour. She decided to teach her a lesson.

The next day, when Lova was strolling in her beautiful garden with her maids, the fairy queen in her majestic- self appeared in front of the princess. She swirled her wand around Lova and showered a terrible curse. "You will become your ugliest self from today!"

The princess was horrified. She ran to her chamber gasping for breath. As she stood in front of the mirror she saw her beautiful face getting deformed into an ugly face. From that day she didn't have the courage to even come out of her room. Snowy was sad. He knew only the fairy queen could bring back her beauty. He started looking for the fairy queen everywhere.

He advised Lova to come along with him to the forest, so that she herself can say sorry to her. They went deep into the jungle. And they lost their way.





## I am

I am awesome  
As I help everyone in need.  
I am crazy about words  
And weave tales of birds.

I love my mom and dad.  
When I excel in Martial arts  
It makes me glad!  
I can dive deep into the ocean  
I can fly high with a pigeon.

Once I saw little bird  
Inside its nest  
And it couldn't fly  
I fear closed places  
And shriek when a spider walks by.

I am fond of pencil and paper  
As I love to draw and write,  
whatever jogs my mind.  
I wish to have a puppy  
Sweet and shy.

I love the mountains  
that touch the sky.  
I want be a doctor  
and do you know why  
I hate when people cry.



# Alex, Mardy and the Blue Orange

by Many Bhandary, (Grade 3 in 2019)

Once upon a time in the lush, green jungles of Africa, two mighty lions were sitting on the mountain rocks and chatting. Alex and Mardy had just graduated from school and had got permission for camping by the riverside. They carried board games, ping pong and flashlights for reading horror stories at night.

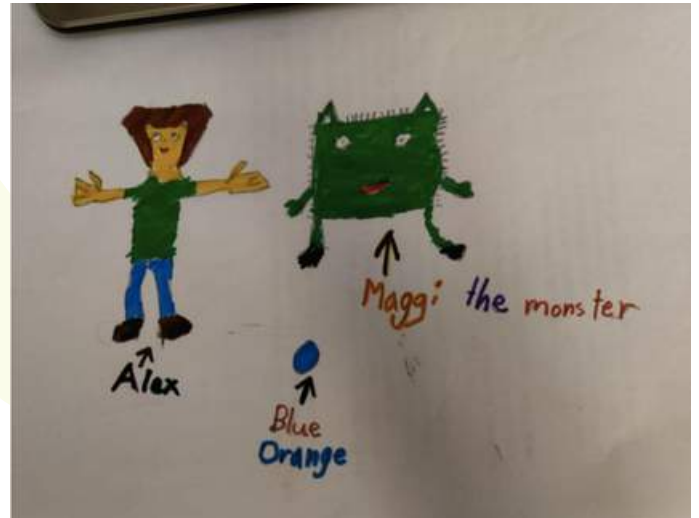
“Do you want to play the ‘Roaring Game’, Alex?”

“Let’s see who will qualify for the Police Superintendent’s job!” Mardy challenged.

“Hell yeah!” Alex responded. While they roared at each other, they heard a louder roar from the forest across the river.

They glanced in the direction of the roar and saw a humongous animal standing on two limbs. He towered over them with a head as big as twenty watermelons. Two angry eyes glared on a scowling face. They realised it was a Tyrannosaurus, T-Rex. They ran for their lives shouting “Help! Help! Somebody help us!” But there was no one around. The area was absolutely deserted.


They ran as fast as they could. The drooling dinosaur stomped with a thumping sound behind them. The panting lions somehow escaped. Suddenly, the duo realised that they were no longer in the jungles and had left it far behind.



“Hey! It’s the pyramid of Giza, Mardy! We are in Cairo now. We can hide behind it and the T-Rex won’t be able to find us.” With exhausted legs they somehow pushed themselves to take shelter behind the pyramids.

“Phew! That was scary.” Alex exclaimed. With the T-Rex nowhere to be heard, the boys fell asleep. When they woke up, they saw something white staring at them. They screamed in terror.

With newfound energy, they started running in the opposite direction of the mummy. It’s been a bad day for them. The mummy, like the T-Rex also started running towards them. While dashing ahead they turned around to see how far the mummy was. And what they saw was spine chilling!!!



They saw the wrapping of the mummy had loosened and was hanging down its arms!!!

Suddenly, Alex felt something sticky on his tail. The mummy's wrapping got stuck to Alex's tail. He swung the tail with all its might. The force made the mummy fly and hit a huge wooden door.

Wham!! The door flung open. Alex and Mardy ran inside the door. The huge room was filled with pitch black darkness and haunting silence. They walked in to see the mummy lay still on the floor. Alex and Mardy quietly walked out of the door.

They were very thirsty after all the running . They started looking for water. They walked for a long time and found a glistening oasis. The sight of the oasis made them feel even thirstier!

They had not eaten or drunk since the morning. They quenched their thirst and rested by the oasis. They suddenly felt very hot and the calm water looked very fetching. They jumped into the water. They played water-fight, washed the mud off their fur and came out smiling.

Waiting for them outside was a camel.

The camel asked the lions, "Hey buddies, you look lost. Could you help me with my work and in return I can help in any way that you want?"

Alex replied, "That sounds great! Mardy and I need a place to sleep."

The camel took them to a beautiful place under the shade. The lions fell asleep. When they woke up ,they saw a white-gowned old man with a long beard staring at them. They felt as if they were in a trance.

Mardy somehow pulled himself together and looked around for the Camel. He called out, "Hey Camel, how can we help you?"

The camel was a magician. He had hypnotized the lions and changed into his true self. The magician was Maggi, the monster.

He asked Alex to go into a chest. When Alex entered the chest, Maggi quickly locked the chest and opened a secret trap door by pushing a button. Alex fell into it which led him straight into a cage. As he was now away from Maggi, his hypnotising power went away.

Alex roared in anger hoping Mardy would hear him and snap out of the hypnosis. He would realise that Alex was not with him and would start looking for him. He was trapped in a cage with metal nails on the walls.

Maggi went through a secret passage and appeared in front of Alex. Alex said, "Hey, what happened to Mardy? And why am I in a cage?" Maggi laughed at Alex.

He said, " I have sent Mardy to get the blue orange from the blue tree that is in the orange farm next to the apple trees beyond the oasis."



Scared and slightly in trance, Mardy searched for the blue tree in the apple orchard. He found the blue tree with a blue orange on it. It looked beautiful.

He climbed the tree and plucked it. He brought it to Maggi and handed it over. Maggi took the blue orange and locked Mardy in the same room which had the cage where Alex was locked in and swaying his long white beard, he went away.

Mardy slowly came out of his trance. He saw Alex in the cage and wondered how he reached there. They were tired, exhausted, and were giving up on all hopes to survive.

Suddenly, he saw something glistening on the far dark corner of the room. It was a set of keys!!! He quickly picked them up, carried them between his teeth and somehow managed to put one inside the groove of the lock of the cage. Viola!!! The lock opened. He tried another one on the door of the room. Click! And the door unlocked!

That night when the magician was fast asleep in his hut next to the room where they were locked, Mardy and Alex tiptoed out of the door of the house. The magician for reasons unknown had left their door unlocked.

They ran as fast as they could in the direction of the sunset. The path led them straight to their home, their jungle in Africa.





## I am

I am awesome  
Cause I can tell you funny tales  
I love my brother the most,  
And I am not scared of ghost.  
I am happy when the season is spring  
All the birds then love to sing.

I am fond of friends  
who are funny and nice.  
I want a friend who is kind  
And have a scientist's mind.

I wonder what's there  
beyond our huge universe.  
I love different types of snake  
Though they make you in fear shake.

For sure they don't harm you  
They bite when they get  
scared with what you do.  
I wish to visit a forest  
Full of birds and bees.  
And stand under the tall trees.

I hope to visit Spain  
And visit Barcelona by train.  
I shall become a scientist  
And have a microscope that is my own  
I hope to discover things unknown.



# The Dino Trio

by Raghav Iyer (Grade 3 in 2019)

The sun was shining bright. The stars were twinkling and Uranus was set to witness another great day. Its capital, Miriam was in full swing with the shops opening, the dogs fighting for food and the royal guards patrolling the street. In this city lived the three dinosaurs, Rampo (Brontosaurus), Sarge Enfield (T-Rex) and Chicken (Allosaurus). They called themselves the 'Dino Trio'.

Everyone had a love and hate relationship with them; they were always causing trouble. However, they also went out of their way to help people in need. They owned a little food shop called the "SAUCY MUSTARD". If one wanted to devour the ultimate hotdog, this was the place.

One day, the Dino Trio thought of going for a ride on their newly bought rocket, January Jupiter VII. They circled around Uranus, and landed on Pluto and played with the moons of Jupiter. On their way back, they saw some strange things around one of the moons of Uranus. There were numerous lights flickering around. Chicken said, "Lets go and check if the moon is in trouble."

Rampo was a little hesitant. "If these are people from our planet then Mom would know that we have again come out in space!"



"No Rampo, what if these spaceships belong to the Moon Giants who always want to harm the moons of this galaxy", argued Chicken.

T- Rex mediated . They agreed to take their spaceship near Uranus's moon. If there's nothing to worry about, they will return home.

When they reached near the moon they were shocked.

It was the huge army of the Moon Giant. A large part of the Moon King's army were hostages.

The Moon Giants are trying to enslave the moons of all planets in the galaxy and now have their eyes on this moon of Uranus.

King Jake Niggel IX of Uranus was a wise and kind king. The subjects in his empire had faced many attacks from the Moon Giants but his brave efforts kept them safe. But this time, it is different. The Godzilla Tribe knew that the country had been hit by a plague, and the king's treasury was almost empty.

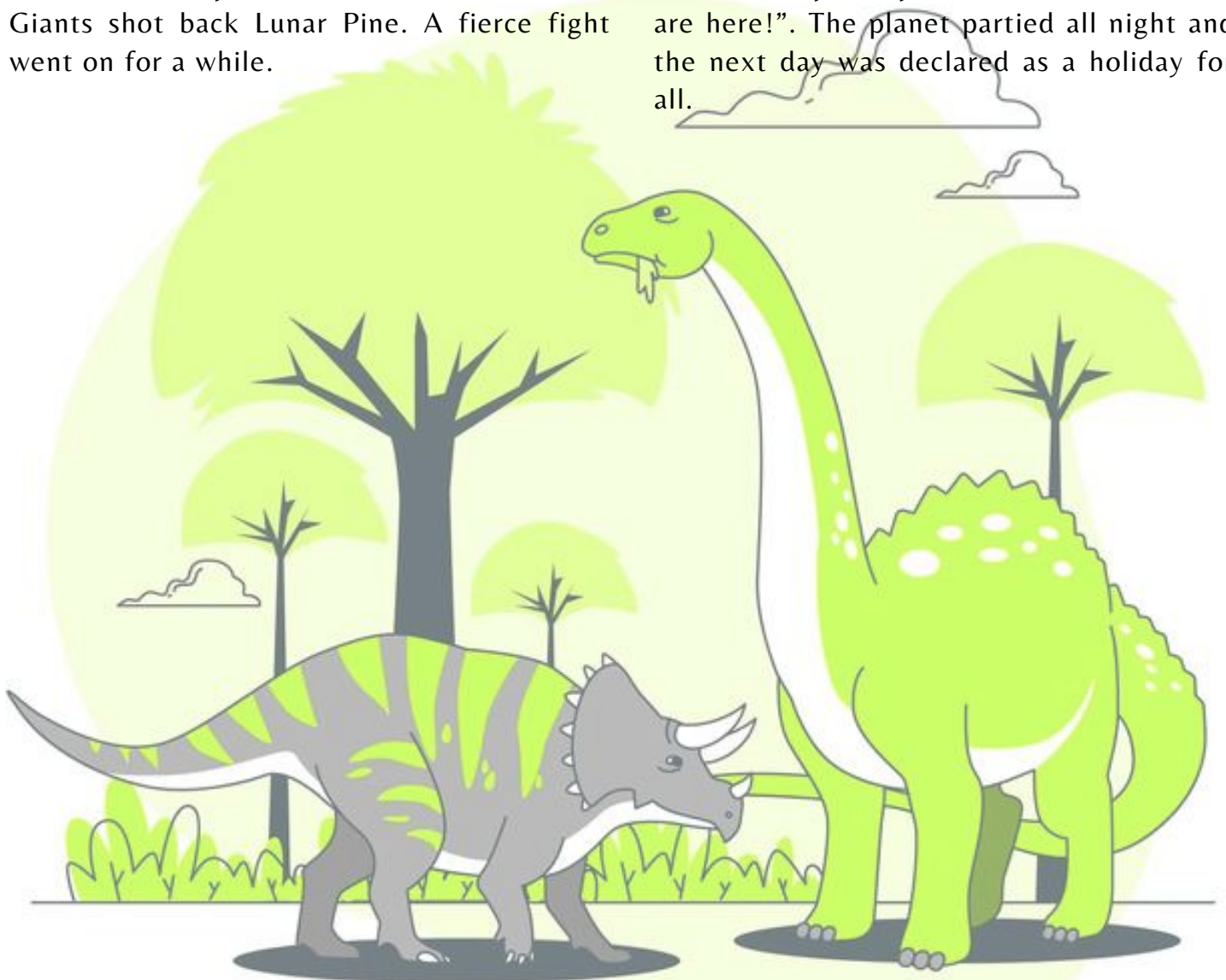
They immediately turned their spaceship and landed on the other side of the moon. They went and met the king. He looked very worried. "Dinos, you are my last hope, we don't have enough soldiers. Most of them are either down with plague or have been held hostage," he said.

They tracked the Moon Giants for some time and then they started firing grenade bombs on their army. In retaliation, the Moon Giants shot back Lunar Pine. A fierce fight went on for a while.

Finally, the Dino Trio used their mightiest bombs. They were shaped like lemons with sharp metal bristles on their surface. The Moon Giants could not escape these deadly bombs. All of them were killed.

King Jake was very grateful and thanked them from the bottom of his heart. The emperor threw a party to honour the Dino trio. There were many types of food and beverages, electronic music, and a cake with a printed photo of the trio on it.

Every person had a party hat, and the event looked spectacular; there were balloons of different colours and a special balloon arch from where the trio entered. They cut a ribbon, and everyone tossed confetti at them. Hurray! They exclaimed, "Our heroes are here!". The planet partied all night and the next day was declared as a holiday for all.





## I am

I am awesome because  
You will find no one like me.  
Everyone says I am crazy  
My mind runs like a bullet train  
And hate those who are lazy.

I love my father and my mother  
And my cute little brother.  
I love to do math  
Arithmetic but not Algebra  
I wish to own a camera.

I wonder what will happen  
When I sit on the bullet train of my mind  
What will I discover to help the man kind  
I also wish to own a Telescope  
So, I can see the moon and stars  
And may be a glimpse of Mars.

I love the mountains and seas  
I like both land and water.  
Mars Uranus and Jupiter  
Are the planets I wish to visit.  
There are places on our planet too  
Kuwait, Oman, Singapore and Baku.



# Ranchi Solved The Mystery

By Anvika Malik (Grade 3 in 2019)

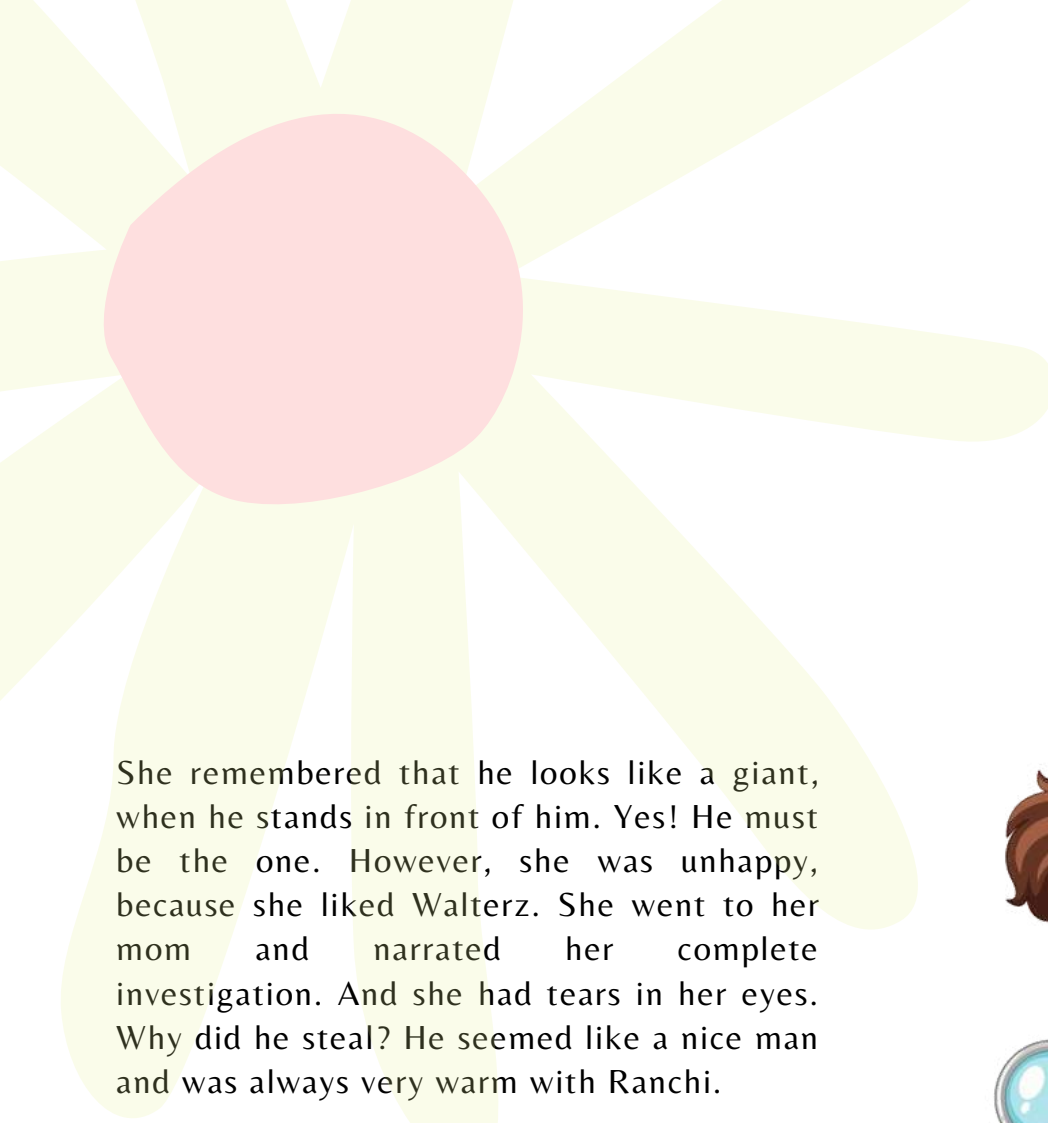
Once, there lived a girl named Ranchi. She stayed with her parents. One night, a thief broke into their house and stole their box of cash and her mother's purse. The police failed to find the thief.

But Ranchi was determined to find the culprit. She decided to search every corner of the house for clues. She looked everywhere, the kitchen, the living room and finally the garden. It had rained last night. As she was minutely looking every inch of their beautiful garden, suddenly she discovered deep marks of boot on the swampy walk way amidst the flower beds. And the marks were very confusing. They were heading towards and as well as away from their main gate. Ranchi examined closely, 'No, dad's feet aren't so huge!' They were bigger than her father's feet.

Ranchi wondered if the boot marks belonged to the thief. Then her gaze wandered to the large french window in her house, and she saw it was wide open. "Ahh! The thief must've entered and exited from this window!" She exclaimed. Ranchi jumped inside the room through the window herself. Her eyes fell on something. How did she not notice this earlier. A tiny piece of red striped cloth was hooked on the nail just below the window sill.



She instantly knew it belonged to the thief. She immediately sat down made a list of people who had been to her house on the day of the robbery. She tried to included all details, like their dresses, the time they came in and left. While going through her list, she came across their window cleaner. Their window cleaner , Walterz, did wear a red striped pants. In fact he looked quite funny in them. "But what about his boot size?" She thought to herself. No, she has never looked at his feet.



She remembered that he looks like a giant, when he stands in front of him. Yes! He must be the one. However, she was unhappy, because she liked Walterz. She went to her mom and narrated her complete investigation. And she had tears in her eyes. Why did he steal? He seemed like a nice man and was always very warm with Ranchi.

Her mom drew her close and snuggled her. She whispered softly, “Don’t be sad. Your dad and I will look into this. That night dad visited Walterz’s house. When he went there he saw his baby was sick and had to be admitted to the hospital. As he had already borrowed money from Ranchi’s dad earlier, and could not repay it. He couldn't ask for more from him. He admitted that he stole the money. Ranchi’s parents decided not to inform the police. They assured Waltrez that they will be by his side for his child’s treatment. But also scolded him for stealing the money. They said he should have told them the situation and borrowed the money.

Her parents were proud of her for finding the thief. However they were even more happy because she was concerned about Waltrez. Ranchi was happy Waltrez's son was getting better in the hospital.





## I am

I am awesome  
Cause I am courageous and creative  
And crazy about books  
I love my parents  
and my cousins

Who is like me.

I dream of a city  
Which is  
pollution free  
I am fond of words  
and love to know  
How they spell.

I want to be an artist  
Who can change the world with art  
I am always  
curious about  
my dad's work.

I love fishes  
And can spend hours  
seeing them swim in the sea  
I want to fight pollution  
And wish for a city  
which is smog free





# The Day the Cars Saved The Earth

BY RANVEER GOSWAMI ( GRADE 4 IN 2019)



It was 14th June , 2020.

The sun was scorching red hot and the smell of dust filled the dry air around . Five cars McLaren P1 (Mike), Mercedes AMG (Marcus), Bugati Veyron (Gucci), Lamborghini Veneno (Galio), Ferrari 488 (Enzo) were moving slowly towards the race tracks. As soon as they took their position, they heard a car shout "Ready, get set, go!".

In the first two laps, there was a tough fight between Enzo and Marcus, but as the race proceeded, the other cars pulled their socks up as well. On the third lap, Mike overtook Marcus, then Galio overtook Mike and was ahead of everyone. However, in the last lap, Galio caught him up and it was a nail-biting race both being neck to neck. The cars in the audience honked and cheered the winning participants. Till the very end no one knew who was the winner. The results were announced.

HURRAY! Galio was declared as the winner.

Fifteen years have passed since the iconic race. The world is bustling with technology and robots are commonly found in every household. The cars, Mike, Marcus, Gucci and Galilio are still inseparable friends.

While watching television, a strange news flashed on the screen. It was displayed that suddenly, all the cars will acquire an unique magical power. The cars were taken by surprise but waited for the day they would get theirs. In a short span of a few days, the cars started showing signs of magic in their bodies.

Mike had the element of earth; Marcus had the element of air; Gucci had the element of water; Galio had the element of light; and finally, Enzo had the element fire.

One day as they were practicing their powers, a humongous spaceship descended from the sky ejecting gallons of grey fumes and dense black clouds formed casting a dark shadow over the entire globe. They started sending drones to attack Earth.

"It is time now to use your magical power. Hurry up before they destroy our home, " a gravelly voice rumbled. They couldn't see anyone around. And to their surprise, they suddenly felt very brave. They marched ahead. They had to destroy the spaceship at any cost.

Mike gathered all the sand of the earth and created a monster sand storm; Marcus created the most violent tornado; Gucci created a series of giant tsunamis with an undersea volcanic eruption; Galio created fierce lighting which tore the sky apart . The spaceship which was about to land on the earth got extremely scared seeing the fierce Earth with sandstorm, tornado, tsunami and the lightning. Enzo, who was quiet till now, started throwing balls of fire towards the drone so that the drones would burn and disintegrate. The aliens got really scared and made their way back to the galaxy they had come from.

Delighted and proud, they suddenly felt very tired and thirsty. The other cars on Earth brought tanks of petrol for them and cheered them by honking loud!!

The ministry of Car power nominated them for the Nobel Peace prize! They were happy but they kept thinking why they were chosen to protect 'the Earth'.





## I am

I am awesome  
Cause am cute and smart.  
I am crazy about Maths  
And numbers are my friends  
I love their kindness  
As they are willing to count  
Anything or anyone or any amount.

I love my mom  
And I am scared of darkness  
I want to be a champion  
In studies, cricket and basketball  
I shall always be number one.

I love to visit different cities  
Across the globe  
Starting from Benaras  
to Buenos Aires

I love to play with lego  
And make anything from Car to UFO  
I am passionate about cars  
And want to visit Mars  
Wonder if I can make cars fly  
And sell them so everyone can buy.



# Polly , Prontin and The Warnight

by Maneet Bhandary ( Grade 3 in 2019)

In the small town of Green Lawn, Netherlands, Prontin lived with his mother Prissy. It was a sweet town where everyone knew each other. One evening, he sat by the window, comfortably in his blue pajamas and a red tee-shirt. This pair was gifted to him by his father who lived away at the University for work. He often wrote letters to Prontin and sent sweet treats for him. The books he was reading, “The Girl On A Train” was also a present from him for Prontin’s 8th birthday.

It was a windy evening. He was sitting by the window and reading the book. He was about to turn a page when he heard “Tring! Tring!” His mother received the call. He wondered, “What if it’s something related to Papa?” Mother hung up on the call and reassured Prontin that it wasn’t his father’s call but it was Poly’s. She would come to visit him in this evening.

Poly was one of Prontin’s dearest friends whom he met magically. This was six months ago, Prontin was leisurely digging up the weeds in the garden. It was a cool spring evening. While brushing the dead weeds aside, he saw something descend from the sky at a rapid speed. It was a spaceship, just like the one he had seen in his school textbooks!



He was stunned and was scared to go near it. “Help!” He heard a faint voice murmured from inside. He ran towards it and pulled a strange looking creature outside the broken spaceship. It was an alien who introduced herself as Poly. He helped her get up and fed her food and water. She told him how an asteroid had hit her spaceship and blown it out of balance

Poly lived on the planet Cup and would often wander in search of new stars in the galaxy. “I never thought I would meet such a friendly human as you, Prontin,” she said. She was grateful that his father, who was home on vacation, then, had offered to fix the spaceship. Prontin’s father told Poly that it would take at least a month to fix her spaceship. Poly stayed with for that whole month and Prontin and Poly became good friends.

That evening, Prontin ran to his backyard and saw Poly's spaceship high up in the sky. He immediately took the lawn mower and ploughed the lawn in the shape of the word 'HERE'. Poly noticed the mark and prepared for landing on that ploughed sign.

After landing, she took Prontin by his hand and ran straight into the house. She asked him to get pepper powder from the kitchen. Prontin looked puzzled and asked why she needed that. Poly looked around for a bit, seeing no one around, she whispered, "I found a bottle with a message in it which read '199138'. This is a secret code only sent when an enemy is about to attack a planet. When we sprinkle pepper powder on it, it discloses the location of the attack." He listened to her carefully, and quickly sprinkled the powder on the code. Within a few seconds, it revealed the location- Green Park which was very close to his house.

Suddenly, they heard a whirring sound from above. They ran out and looked up to locate the direction of the sound and saw black helicopters descending on Green Park. They called out to their friends, Sam, Rick, Connie, Sorabh, Nick and Nicky. They quickly narrated them about the situation and asked them to get bats, rods, ropes and toy guns loaded with sharp pins. They decided to meet at the gate of Green Park in as fast as they could and quickly ran home to gather their weapons.

When all eight of them met at Green park gate, they told the security guards about the attack and the black helicopters. The guards saw their weapons and laughed loudly. They felt very insulted and angry. The gang decided not to waste any time.

They sneaked through the gap in the northern wall of the park and hid behind a big banyan tree. They split up into smaller teams and positioned themselves behind different trees to attack the aliens from different directions.

Prontin and Poly were TEAM PP; Nick and Nicky were TEAM SLIDEZ; Rick was TEAM BATMAN; and finally, Sourabh and Connie were TEAM RATRAP.

Prontin and Poly took a chain from the merry-go-round in the children's play area, tied it to two huge banyan trees near the big lake. They also put tasers in the pond. The first few spaceships came close to these trees, got tripped by the chain and fell straight into the lake. They fell on the tasers which electrocuted them and they finally got drowned in the pond.

Four aliens descended from their spaceship and started chasing Nick and Nicky. They ran towards the slide. They did not see Rick coming behind them. He started whacking them with his bat. Two aliens fell down and couldn't get up. Seeing that, Nick and Nicky turned around towards the aliens and started whacking them with their iron rods. The other two also fell down.

Sorabh and Connie had carefully laid a trap for the remaining aliens. Just like Prontin and Poly, they tied a strong rope to the two huge trees on both sides of the road and stood ready with their loaded toy guns. Three aliens tripped over the rope and were shot with sharp pins. They immediately turned around and started running towards their spaceship. The other aliens in the remaining last spaceship decided not to step on this soil. They flew back home to their mothership.

Poly thanked Prontin and his friends. She said she knew these aliens. They wanted to capture Poly for her amazing spaceship.

Poly thanked everybody and happily went back home in her spaceship.



## I am

I am awesome  
I can invent new things

I am crazy about science  
and love to make different models

I like summers and bright blue skies  
I would love to make a chemical  
That can fight the deadly Delhi smog.

I wish for a friend  
Who is fond of science

I love mountains and forests  
Where tigers resides  
And up in the high sky  
The bats fly high.



# The Giant Tree And The Three Friends

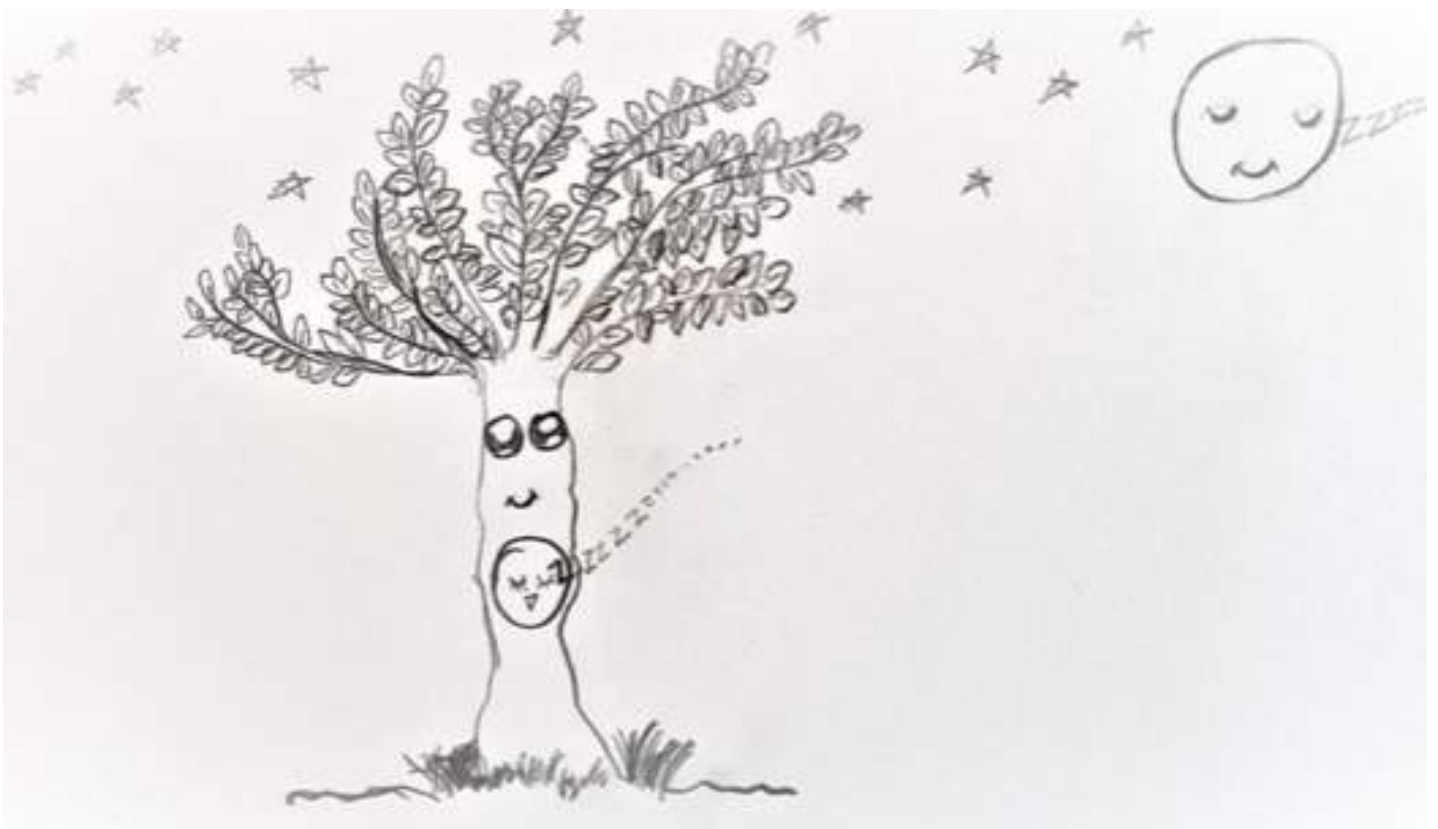
By Labanya Mandal ( Grade 3 in 2019)

There was a Blue Island close to Andaman. In the island, at the edge of the wood, there lived a parrot named Coco, a puppy named Snowy and a kitten named Mellow. They were the naughtiest in the village but dearest to everyone. On a usual afternoon, they were playing in the village school courtyard.

Suddenly, it started raining heavily with thunder & lightning tearing the dark sky. The drops fell on the twigs of the trees and made an scary sound.

The silver lightning ripped apart the sky. The fierce wind howled loud. The three little friends got scared. "Is it the volcano?" Snowy shouted with fear in its eyes. "No, I think the sea has come near our school," Mellow murmured. Frightened, they ran deep into the heart of the forest.

Then, when the fierce storm stopped, they realized they were lost deep in the woods. The moon shined through the dark clouds. They saw long shadows gliding past them and heard a lion roaring from another side of the dark dense forest. There were fireflies glittering in the dark. All they could hear were rustles and whispers all around.



They were so scared that they huddled together. Suddenly, they saw a huge tree in the middle of the forest. The tree looked like a huge giant with long limbs swaying silently in the breeze. They don't know why, they felt safe seeing the tree. They decided to take shelter under the giant tree. Suddenly they heard a voice. Frightened, they turned around. No one was there. They heard the wheezy voice again. "Hello!" They didn't understand who was talking to them. "It's me," the tree said. The tree was talking to them, they realized. "Why are you alone; you should go back to your parents" the tree said. As the tree spoke, its branches swayed and leaves fluttered. Snowy was the only one, who could collect all his courage. "We three were playing in the school courtyard after our school got over. It was pouring heavily and we got frightened. We ran out of our school.

"I see." The giant tree murmured. "I will help you to go back home," it whispered in their ears. Suddenly all the trees in the forest shifted and made a wide path. "Follow this path and you will reach your home," the silvery voice said.

After walking for an hour or two, the three friends finally saw a familiar place. With the new found energy, they started running towards their home. They suddenly saw their worried parents standing at the edge of road that lead to their houses. They ran to their parents; hugged them. They told their parents about the magical giant tree.

They woke up next morning. It was sunny & breezy. They met in the school, exchanged secret grins, tucking in a memory which only three of them shared.







## I am

I am awesome  
Because I can  
tell you stories  
which only I can.

I am fond of writing  
And love to play  
with words and clay.  
I wish to have a pet  
The one horned Unicorn  
who will be my mate.

I want a friend  
Who is funny and kind.  
I am always busy as a bee.  
At times, I am shy  
And dream of flying  
Up in the sky.

I love mountain, forest  
And sea  
There is a traveler in me  
And go to all the places  
Where I want to be.



# Witch Potion

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It was springtime and the sun was shining bright. All the animals were out to play. Baby pigeon readied himself to throw a water balloon towards baby Panda when they heard the familiar morning song of the D Gang.

The D gang included Rikki the witch, Nick the wizard, Fantasia the unicorn, and Summer the pixie. They were famous among all the forest folk, and their tales of friendship were known to all. They were also celebrating their 9th friend anniversary this year!

After a heavy breakfast, the friends set out to explore the deeper parts of the forest for their science project. Amid the green surroundings of the forest, the D Gang felt at peace. They wandered around to search for wild strawberries, cockroaches, and a wild pear tree. All of these elements would be used in their science project to heal an injured snake that had found its way to their classroom.

"Hey guys, after portioning the mixture if there is still some left, we can divide it among ourselves. This can be our magical medicine!", Nick exclaimed. Fantasia and Summer agreed happily. But Rikki didn't seem to be happy.

Out of these four, Rikki had a different motive for her friendly nature... She snapped, "Why should you three get equal parts of this potion when I'm the witch? I can store it well and give it if anyone needs it." Recently they had been noticing that Rikki had been playing many evil tricks on them.

"I am going to be the greatest witch alive! And witchcraft is what I stand for! No one can stop me! Especially not you fools! I will be successful! You will be no more!!" Rikki blurted out. She suddenly realised that she revealed herself! She started running.

But the others were faster. Fantasia opened up her unicorn wings and trapped Rikki between her two legs. While she was circling with Rikki in the sky, Summer and Nick got a bunch of vines. Fantasia dropped her on the vines and Summer and Nick tied her tightly. Then Fantasia put a truth spell on her. They asked her about her plans and she revealed them all!

She revealed that she had been grooming and feeding the other three friends illegal magical seeds. According to her evil plans, in the tenth year of their friendship, Rikki would lure the trio into a magic pot for to make her immortal potion.

Summer, Nick and Fantasia were chilled to their bones! Their best friend of 9 YEARS wanted to kill them!!!! They couldn't think or feel. Fantasia knocked Rikki unconscious and they just ...sat.... and thought about how they had been fooled by a person they thought they had known so well. And how betrayed they felt.

At last Summer broke the silence, saying "Maybe we should take her to the Enchanted Forest Dungeon since she has been feeding us illegal seeds and planned to kill us and use us in her potion" "Yes but we need written evidence" said Nick

"I have an idea! So you know that she had the cupboard in her room that she didn't let anyone touch, maybe all her witchcraft things and plans are in there!"

So they went to Rikki's house and towed her along too. Fantasia was right! Everything was there. So they took Rikki to the Enchanted Forest Dungeon with the evidence and locked her in the cell, where the evil people are kept until they are punished by the Fairy Godmother.

The three friends continued their lives, but they always had sadness in their hearts.





## I am

I am awesome  
I have a clan  
Of friends who love  
As much as they can.

Once I saw a spider  
walking on the water,  
I fear the unknown in the darkness  
I love the forest and its wilderness.  
I would love to visit Bhutan and Africa again.  
The list also includes the bright and sunny Spain

I love the mountains standing tall  
And the blue sea sparkling bright  
I love all the seasons  
The colourful spring, winter and fall.  
They all feel so different  
Yet so beautiful and magnificent.

I wish to be a mother and its true  
you can do whatever you wish to do.

