

**Poetry Corner**  
by Jane Penn

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**"Fantasies"**

I often dream of silly dreams,  
Of fantasies of love.  
I often dream of birds flying  
Gracefully above.  
They all tell a story of happiness  
And gaiety.  
So when I think of them in the morning,  
They help me start my day.

Arleatha Patterson

**"Mama"**

She hangs her apron, but not her love  
That's mama

She settles arguments without a glove  
That's mama

She blesses the food, though nothing's there  
That's mama

She blows the hurt when in despair  
That's mama

She's full of grace and endowed with power  
That's mama

Her presence lingers as that of a flower  
That's mama

No love surpasses what she gives of herself  
That's mama

I dare give her love to anyone else

Jayne Penne'

**"To the Cocaine Users Everywhere"**

Cocaine is no good,  
It has killed so many people,  
Most likely one of your friends  
Has died from it.

You say cocaine helps you get through the day,  
It takes your mind off the troubles  
You are having,  
It makes you feel good!

That's the biggest lie I ever heard.  
You are strong enough to take cocaine,  
And it's killing you,  
And you don't even know it,  
Or do you?

It may have you thinking  
You are on top of the world,  
But all the time  
You have one foot in Hell.

Get started, seek help.  
I know it's not easy,  
But if you make the first step  
And mean it,  
And pray and ask God to help you,  
He will!

God has not turned his back on anyone,  
And I know he won't turn his back on you.

James Galloway

**"Poetry Introduction"**

Poetry is music, but in a different sense.  
Slowly unfolding the mystery  
To keep you in suspense.

Arleatha Patterson

**"Mama Don't"**

Oh Mama, I can hardly wait to get out of here,  
These tubes choke me sometimes, and there is so  
Much fluid in here.

I can hardly wait to see the outside world;  
There will be the love from you, and my new  
Family members, friends to play with in my  
Toy room, and then the excitement of going  
To school.

Oh boy! I feel those strange hands on me again.  
It can't be time for me to come out yet, I have  
So much farther to go, what is going on in here?  
Why is this so painful? These aren't my friends,  
I haven't met my family, they are tearing me apart ...

Joyce A. Harrington  
Laurinburg

GRUBBY

By Warren Sattler



Rural Delivery

By Al Smith



Grandpa's Boy



NAPOLEON

By Foster Moore



TWITCH

By How Rands



IT JUST SO HAPPENED

by Kern



**WORDS & MEANINGS**

Unmix the letters in the boxes to form a word. Then circle A, B or C for the correct meaning (or definition).  
Score yourself as follows:  
4 Correct-Excellent 2 Correct-Fair  
3 Correct-Good 1-0 Correct-Poor

- K A B E**  
A LIP B BILL C QUILL  
Clue: A bird's mouth
- G R I P S**  
A FLOOR B BOUGH C CHAIN  
Clue: "When the \_\_\_ breaks, the cradle will fall."
- R O W B U R**  
A TREE B CAVE C TUNNEL  
Clue: Where rabbits build their homes
- T R E A N S E**  
A SIMPLE B SLY C SINCERE  
Clue: A trustworthy person is

**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- Citrus fruit
- Group of speakers
- Amphitheater
- Happiness
- Greek letter
- Use of one's name
- Moab city
- Prefix, to
- Winged God
- Fruit, drink
- A number
- Printing measure
- Expires
- Post
- Hypothetical force
- Plague
- God of war
- Short letter
- And (Fr.)

**DOWN**

- Ancient gold alloy
- Vigor
- Turkish coin
- Universal language
- Plural ending
- Mexican dish
- Exclamation
- Plant part
- Appetizer
- Former Russian ruler
- Tried out
- DOWN
- Tibetan priest
- Burst forth
- Myself
- Unit
- Stock of neck
- Compensates
- Goal
- Compass point

**Solution**

- Musical composition
- Ancient stringed instruments
- A dwarf
- Mineral rock
- Military
- Floats lightly
- Curved molding
- Girls' name
- Bone
- Note of scale
- Endow
- Sounds
- Group of players
- Mexican show
- Sketch of land
- Cut grass
- Companion
- Wings
- Black, sticky substance
- Abstract being
- Parent
- By

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