



*rubber boot gang  
stopping at sunset  
this small town*

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Small  
Town

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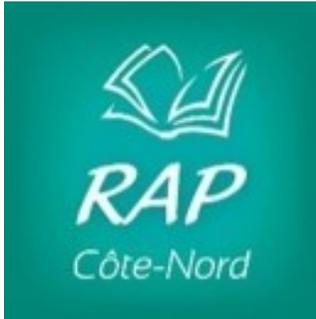


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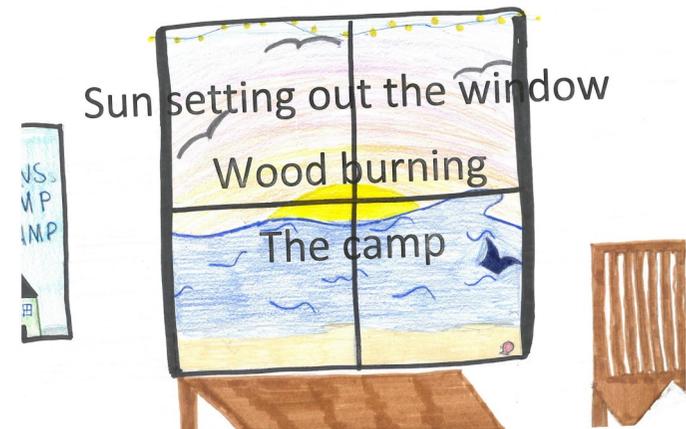


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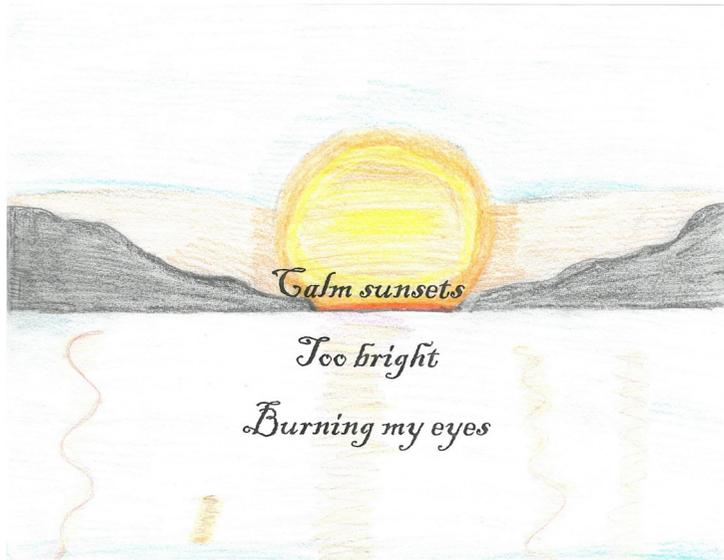
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*By Emily*



*By Paige*



By Taylor



By Christian





*By Cassandra*



*By Anna*

Long Wait  
First Snowfall  
Let Her Rip

*By Jake*



*By Kayla*

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## HAIKU

ice banging on the house  
Boom! Boom!  
waking me up

*Anna Anderson*

snow day  
ice crashing down  
it's spring

*Emily Bobbitt*

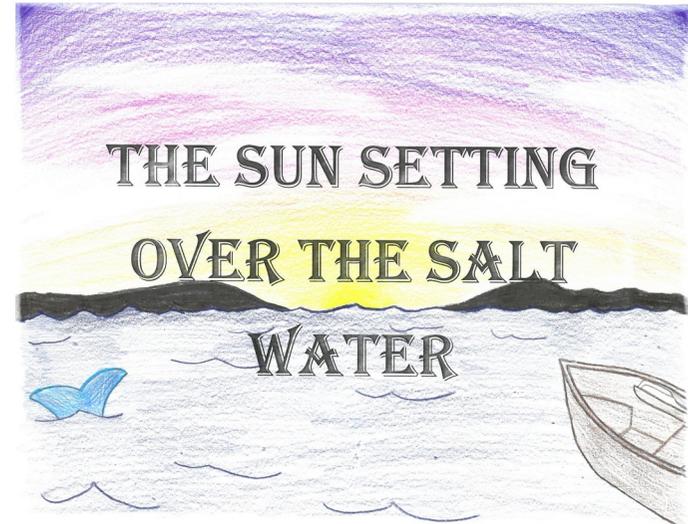
cloudless night  
big, bright  
the moon

*Emily Bobbitt*

early spring morning  
my father  
gone fishing

*Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

## HAIGA



*By Mackenzie*

light from the sun  
over the islands  
reflecting on the hull

*Tamara*

the swell  
drifting me ashore

*Kayla*

at the cabin  
me and mom  
making bread

*Jake Evans*

cloudless night  
full moon and me  
face to face

*Jake Evans*

blooming flowers  
rainbow colored ground  
red, yellow and blue

*Jake Evans*

playing in the water  
the fog  
hiding the sunshine

*Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

digging clams  
in the clay  
with my grandma

*Kayla Anderson*

fog  
hiding away the tower  
I hope the rain comes

*Kayla Anderson*

trying to sleep  
rain splattering  
on my windows

*Kayla Anderson*

I awaken  
middle of the night  
see the big white moon

*Paige Anderson*

mayday! mayday!  
get the crew out of bed!

*Anna*

noises in the distance  
lowering the volume  
to hear nothing at all

*Tamara*

imagining all these things  
then I go back to reality

*Paige*

getting pretty hungry  
maybe a burger  
with a few fries

*Tamara*

hope I turned  
off the stove

*Marvin*

reminding me  
of my childhood  
take me back

*Kayla*

waiting for the moon  
to come out

*Tamara*

draining the tub  
watching the glitter  
go down the drain

*Kassandra*

bird hits the window  
I scream

*Jake*

but I wish I could turn  
down this voice in  
my head

*Marvin*

going in the woods  
komatik  
towing behind

*Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

rain splashing  
on the windows  
he's writing his books

*Paige Anderson*

lobster fishing  
early morning  
still dark

*Paige Anderson*

hunting  
sunny day  
sunburnt

*Taylor Rowsell*

snow day  
sleeping in  
hearing the wind

*Anna Anderson*

pitter patter  
wet streets—  
dancing in the rain

*Kassandra Bobbitt*

mother moon  
always shines so bright  
even on a story night

*Kassandra Bobbitt*

long day  
walking home late  
ripples in the calm water

*Kassandra Bobbitt*

14 hours gone  
how much more to go?

*Christian*

been here  
so long  
fingers like prunes

*Mackenzie*

somebody finally  
comes out and saves me

*Paige*

little does she know  
I was drowning  
in loneliness

*Emily*

like being lost  
in a shopping mall

*Mackenzie*

calm and quiet  
a whale  
in the distance

*Emily*

muffled voices  
sounds of the engine

*Tamara*

falling asleep  
in the captain's chair  
I wake up, it's morning

*Kayla*

going with the tide  
brushing along the rocks

*Emily*

still stuck  
getting tired  
of waiting

*Taylor*

greyish light  
on the boardwalk  
silent night

*Christian Loyer*

snowy day  
ice everywhere  
no lights

*Christian Loyer*

## SENRYU

the tension  
win the game  
volleyball

*Emily Bobbitt*

hot  
fiery  
red

*Emily Bobbitt*

curve and twist  
broken wrist  
hit the floor

*Jake Evans*

late night walks  
talking and laughing  
spilling secrets

*Anna Anderson*

gets home, Mom screams  
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL

*Kayla*

hoping she's not mad  
good thing I  
brought a fish

*Tamara*

pizzas in the fridge  
hoping there's still some left

*Tamara*

everybody laughs  
Dad comes in  
what did I miss?

*Jake*

longliners coming in  
people crowded on the wharf

*Kassandra*

songs playing  
bingo's on  
who will win the jackpot?

*Anna*

someone called in  
false alarm

*Taylor*

5 minutes later  
I'm back swaying  
on the water

*Paige*

floating like a toy duck  
in the bath

*Kassandra*

Mother Nature pulls the plug  
down, down we go  
into the abyss

*Jake*

just came home  
my brothers  
teasing me

*Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

22 to 8  
we can still come back  
call timeout

*Paige Anderson*

eat  
sleep  
hunt

*Paige Anderson*

going to work  
so sleepy  
night shifts

*Taylor Rowsell*

whistle blows  
players ready  
time to win

*Taylor Rowsell*

day or night  
always fun  
playing with friends

*Taylor Rowsell*

“got it” I yell  
jumping  
balls smashing

*Anna Anderson*

calm waters  
big boats  
it’s our livelihood

*Kassandra Bobbitt*

## **RENGA**

MAYDAY!

warm spring night  
crashing waves  
and the silence of stars

*Angela*

all alone  
out at sea

*Jake*

fog rolls in  
where am I?  
radio’s out

*Jake*

boat rocking  
like a record turning

*Kassandra*

longliners coming in  
lots of crab  
it's a good day

*Kayla Anderson*

long day  
time to relax

*Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

time goes by  
seems like years  
I hate traffic

*Kassandra Bobbitt*

loud screams  
cars crashing

*Anna Anderson*

not too fast  
not too slow  
Bravo

*Christian Loyer*

really bright  
never sad  
yellow

*Christian Loyer*

diving for the ball  
bumps and bruises  
it's just volleyball

*Tamara Anderson*

grey hair  
grey smoke  
filling the air

*Tamara Anderson*

my foot's on the line  
they fire the gun  
everyone takes off

*Tamara Anderson*

early morning  
phone calls  
plane overshoot

*Tamara Anderson*

rain showers  
blooming flowers  
springtime

*Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

colours everywhere  
soaring through the fields

*Kayla Anderson*

at the pad  
grey sky  
rolling in

*Jake Evans*

foggy wall  
gently dies

*Christian Loyer*

## TAN RENGA

early morning  
motors roaring  
boats leaving

*Kassandra Bobbitt*

calm waters  
lots of fish

*Anna Anderson*

waiting  
plane overshoot  
room goes silent

*Tamara Anderson*

everyone disappointed  
to the school we go

*Emily Bobbitt*

## TANKA

ripping around  
sun shining  
cool air  
zipping past  
out of gas

*Jake Evans*

gorgeous face  
always by my side  
my mother  
gonna be hard  
the day I leave her

*Emily Bobbitt*

a dark place  
all alone  
crying myself to sleep  
but then  
a feeling of something new

*Emily Bobbitt*

hiding in her shirt  
so quiet  
so shy  
all alone  
all the time

*Kayla Anderson*

laying on grass  
looking at the stars  
moon so bright  
there's a shooting star  
make a wish

*Kayla Anderson*

shaking and trembling  
tears rolling down her cheek  
screaming loudly  
black clouds rolling in  
is someone out there?

*Anna Anderson*

## JUST A NORMAL DAY

by Cassandra Bobbitt-Anderson and  
*Tamera Anderson*

up before the sun  
going out in boats  
it's all they know

*big catch  
good day*

calm waters  
big boats  
we got a shark

*throwing it back  
engines roaring  
no sign of anything*

calls on the radio  
fun time

*sun goes down  
air's colder  
better luck tomorrow*

## WEATHER WORRIES

by Taylor Rowsell and *Christian Loyer*

fishing boats  
docked at the wharf  
waiting for good weather

*fog comes in  
another day gone*

always bad weather  
never able  
to go fishing

*sun comes out  
it's time to shine  
unties the rope*

ready to go  
let's make money!

*taking in waves  
Billy is gone  
call the coast guard*

constantly asking questions  
gives great advice though  
I'd be lost without her  
helps through tough times  
her smile brightens up my mood

*Anna Anderson*

bright faces  
waiting at the window  
dad's finally home  
running to the door  
but where is mom

*Kassandra Bobbitt*

waiting all day  
impatiently looking out the window  
when will he come home  
rushing to the wharf  
to see a boat coming in

*Kassandra Bobbitt*

far away  
from where I live  
a whale jumps  
splashing down  
in the deep sea

*Christian Loyer*

a lonesome boat  
sailing smoothly  
across the rocky sea  
gentle fog  
the boat disappears

*Christian Loyer*

happy days  
spent outside  
with you by my side  
talking  
until the sun's gone down

*Tamara Anderson*

## FISHING

by Kayla Anderson and *Emily Bobbitt*

waking up early  
to the sound of birds  
singing so gracefully

*ready for the boat  
fishing we go*

the sunrise  
so beautiful  
should've brought my camera

*at the first pot  
ready to haul  
putting on my gloves*

be careful  
lobsters might pinch you

*get the bands  
the bucket  
let's get those lobsters*

## NIGHT WALKS

by Anna Anderson and *Jake Evans*

night walks  
talking and laughing  
spilling secrets

*starts to rain  
we run inside*

soaked and wet  
rain stops  
slushie time!

*red and blue  
maybe mixed  
that's what I'll do*

brain freeze starts  
thunder begins

*on the boardwalk  
listening closely  
thunder rolling*

shed doors open  
fishing boats moving  
the Bella's in the passage  
throwing out the ropes  
tying her up

*Tamara Anderson*

the sun  
is almost  
blinding  
looking back  
I see my shadow

*Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

waking up  
sounds of dishes clanging  
she's cooking again  
a mess on the  
kitchen counter

*Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

## HAIBUN

### BOTTLE

*by Mackenzie Shattler-Ransom*

Lots of things come in a bottle. You can get your favorite drink in a bottle. You can keep things in a bottle. You can have different types of bottles.

the water  
swept away the bottle  
who knows where it is now

### FISH

*by Emily Bobbitt*

They swim fast, they're calm, they get caught on a fishing hook. A fish only lives to get caught.

swimming so peacefully  
not a care in the world  
all of a sudden, a hook

## HIGH SCHOOL

*by Anna Anderson*

excited for it to end  
stress is over  
tears rolling down her cheeks

High school is fun. You make friends and have good times.

High school bring on a lot of stress and problems.

High school is what you need to keep succeeding in life.

High school life will always be in your memories.

## TONKA TRUCKS

*by Jake Evans*

tonka trucks  
fun to play with  
in the mud

They can float in water, plow through mud and snow. They are yellow, but mine are brown with mud. They can carry my friend's cat.

## MAKEUP

*by Taylor Rowsell*

It can dress you up for a party or just make you look decent on a regular day. Your eyelashes can be as long as a snake or as thick as a wall. Your cheeks can be sparkly and contoured to a T. You can do everything with a bit of makeup.

she fixes herself  
making her pretty  
always

## BOOKS

*by Tamara Anderson*

reading all day  
head in my book  
waiting for lunch

Books. Some are boring, some are interesting, some are funny, and some are sad, but if you don't have a good one, you're going to probably fall asleep.

## FINGERTIPS

*by Cassandra Bobbitt*

Some are small, some are short. No two are the same, yet we think of them as just a word. A part of us, something that we take for granted. A little part of life that when we think about it, it seems so simple, but look a little closer and you will find a much greater story within. Little things that we don't think make a difference, but without them life would not be the same. Just one small thing can change the world in a big way.

everything we touch  
goes through our fingertips  
like words go through our mind

## KERFUFFLE

*by Kayla Anderson*

My desk is a kerfuffle, it's so messy! Like, oh my lord. I think I need to clean it! I can't find my books when it's time for class. That's why I'm always late. My mind is such a kerfuffle, I think of about 1245 things at once, especially in math class. Well, really, I'm just a kerfuffle.

so confused  
so messy  
that's just me

## LOUNGE

*by Tamara Anderson*

A lounge is a place where you go to relax. Some kind of room with couches and snacks. A room where you go and talk with people. Maybe I'll have to get myself a lounge, seems pretty relaxing

windows  
and doors  
all I hear are snores

## HAIR

*by Paige Anderson*

Sometimes it's messy and sometimes it's neat. It can be everywhere. You can braid it. You can also cut it.

chop chop  
it's 5 inches  
shorter

## A BEAUTIFUL LIGHT

*by Christian Loyer*

a beautiful light  
I can see  
no one can...but me

What is the light? Take a guess. What I'm talking about is more beautiful than a sunset...Can you guess? And she has a great personality. Now can you guess?