

2nd Place, Poetry, Grades 7-9

The Gift—Yael Ghermezian

He walked down the street
After a hard day of school
When a beggar passed by
And passed him a gift.

He pocketed the gift
When he got home,
He saw his sad sister
And passed the gift to her.

His sister who got in a fight with a friend
Was suddenly in a better mood,
Made up with her friend
And gave her the gift.

The friend,
Who then went happily to the store,
Gave the gift to the cashier
Who was having a bad day.

The cashier was happy now
And went home to her husband
Who needed a boost
And gave him the gift.

He went to work and saw his boss,
Gloomy from the weather,
Stormy and gray,
And decided to give the gift to him.

The boss became happy
And decided to
Give a worker a pay raise
And the gift too.

The worker having money problems
Went and paid his rent
And while he did,
He gave his landlord the gift.

This put the landlord in a better mood
And he didn't kick out a family
Because they couldn't pay rent,
He also gave them the gift.

The father of the family was a teacher
And when he went to school
With the gift,
He handed it to a student.

The student on the way home saw a beggar
And decided to give some money of his own,
He gave him the gift too but little did he know.....

This was the beggar
Who gave the gift to the boy
Who gave it to his sister
Who gave it to her friend
Who gave it to the cashier
Who gave it to her husband
Who gave it to his boss
Who gave it to a worker
Who gave it to his landlord
Who gave it to the father
Who gave it to a student
Who gave it right back to the beggar

He never knew one small gift can change the lives of so many.

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