

2006 IATE Poetry and Prose Contest

Poems of Exceptional Merit

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Lela Lohr

Lela Lohr gazes through
Green iris contacts
A snake-like lime green
And grape violet
Friendship bracelet dangles at her slender wrist
Outdated '80s sky-blue jelly sandals
A bleach white button down shirt
And Old Navy boot cut
Jeans torn at the bottoms.

She sleeps beneath a glowing
Plastic starred
Sky
Under he
Sun kissed yellow sheets
Sparkling lights twinkle around her
Smooth wooden door, always unlocked
In case of emergency thunderstorms.

She eats only the blushing red
Gummy bears
Starting with their heads
Then their soft, chewy bodies
And the creamy white center of
Oreos
Accidentally dropping the midnight black
Outer cookies on the cool
Tile floor.
Her German Shepard thanks her.

She shares homework and colds
And never fails
To sing her dolls to sleep
Watching them doze off comfortably
On her denim beanbag chair.
She is not afraid to dance
In the rain
Or kiss her mother goodnight.

Lela Lohr anticipates a
Role in "Titanic 2," alongside Leonardo Decaprio.