

2006 IATE Poetry and Prose Contest

Poems of Exceptional Merit

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Next Year

Wasting away taking notes to my doom
While my science teacher orbits around the room
Twirling pencils, dropping pens
Igneous rocks, telescope lens
Mathematics, number, grade
Typing letters, delete or save
Mercutio and Romeo
Juliet and Benvolio
Capulet and Montague
Shakespeare fails
So do you
Espanol, burrito, fires
Rolling R's
Sleeping eyes
P.E., movement, flicker ball
Pushing, running, touch the wall
Geo, mountains, forests, land
Head on desk
You get to stand
Art with painting
Pastels, chalk
Eyes on color, no time to talk
Clothing, sewing, stitching, pin
Every stitch, I die within
Passing, failing, detention, gone
Lessons boring, day too long
Vice and principal still in rule
That's what it's like at my high school
Friends and laughing, having fun
Learning nothing
'Till the day is done
Like it, love it, need it, fine
College comes, just in time