Poetry Contest

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The World In Haikus

I.

Why all the fighting

Why all the rage and war now?

Why must we suffer?

II.

I don’t understand

The conflict and ignorance

I can’t understand

III.

I look for the light

I decide I must be blind

For I see darkness

IV.

I am just a child

Growing up in pure evil

How did I stay good?

V.

Please, oh please, save us

We are drowning in fury

Please, save us, oh please…

Smooth Transition

The ever-longing change

From summer to fall

People drink pumpkin lattes

Cozied up, feeling small

They change their t-shirts

And their shorts to

Big, comfy sweatshirts

And sweaters breakthrough

The taste of crisp apples

Oh the savoring of pumpkin pie

Apple cider and pie, candy apples too!

They’re things you must truly try

Raking leaves and jumping in

How the crunch goes on and on

Uncomfortable at first, but

Covered in leaves is something we all think upon

Decor, oh my, the black and orange

The lights on houses, the people at the doors

The color on the trees and in the air

They all fly and soar

The wind moves trees, the branches creak

The symphony of a thousand leaves

Floating in the air like a ballerina

What a sight to see

The smell of pumpkin

Can’t help but invade your nostrils

Apple and cinnamon, floating around

All of them give your nose quite a startle

Oh fall, oh fall,

You really are here

The transition has already happened

And Summer has disappeared

Happy Not Gay

Why is it, that when a man is happy,

Cheerful, or excited about something, or they

Jump up and down because they are happy, people note

“He’s really enthusiastic, he must be gay.”

Why is it, that when a man

Isn’t hanging out with guys

But with girls, people note

“He’s hanging out with girls, he must be gay.”

Why is it, that when a man

Enjoys learning, pays attention

Does assignments and cares about them, people note

“He cares about school, he must be gay.”

Why is it, that when a man is

Interested in Literature, Arts,

Writing poems and stories, singing music, people note

“He reads, writes, and sings, he must be gay.”

Why is it, that when a man directly shows

He loves his friends and family

He cares for them and will do anything for them, people note

“He cares about people a lot, he must be gay.”

Why is it, that when a man wants to be in nature

Climb trees, pick flowers

Enjoys the sunshine and warmth, people note

“He likes flowers and beauty in nature, he must be gay.”

You heard society, these types of men must be gay.

Men must fit people’s ideals.

Men just have no choice.