

**Poetry Honorable Mention**

**“I Am From” by Breanaka Song**

**Boyne Falls High School, 10th Grade**

I am from hours upon hours of reading,  
From hand-made quilts, to home-made dreams.  
I am from trees and hills to wander and explore,  
From bike riding to downhill skiing.

I am from days of swimming at rivers and lakes,  
From running up and down sandy beaches.  
I am from sand dune climbing and downhill sledding,  
From tube runs to tree climbing.

I am from a long-time banker and a computer geek,  
From English teachers, to nurses, to factory workers.  
I am from hunters and creators,  
From church goers to car mechanics.

I am from Germany, Ireland, and Poland,  
From Italy to the Netherlands.  
I am from garden growers and car hoarders,  
From perogies to pizza.

I am from big brown eyes and thick brown hair,  
From strong hands to reassuring hugs.  
I am from doers and thinkers,  
From a loving and comforting home.