



# Creative Writing Gallery

2020 State Showcase



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- Entries for this showcase have been submitted by the member themselves or a county staff member.
  - Junior level: ages nine to 11
  - Intermediate level: ages 12 to 14
  - Senior level: ages 15 to 18
- Entries are in no particular order.

# Sveven

By Emily Hull

We once had snow on our cap  
The stream would grab it in blue  
A place we know by the map  
Now left the morning dew

We once had starlight with night  
The howl echoes through the stars  
A white gleam hidden in sight  
Now bugs left inside jars

We once had rain fill the sun  
The clouds create a lost eye  
A bird protects from the gun  
Now they hide from the sky

We once had paths made of dirt  
The people walk all day long  
A flower left on a shirt  
*Now we sing a red song*

We once had grounds filled with leafs  
The wind would carry away  
A rabbit taken by thieves  
Now they hide from the grey

We once had trees with green veil  
The growth within known by them  
A postman offers the mail  
Now we are left for numb

We once had places that would fall  
The ripples dance to the sounds  
A giant game of pinball  
Now left in great big bounds

We once had shadows make black  
The rain would drizzle down strong  
A light brought by a lilac  
*Now we sing a red song*

# Emily

## Benton County Level: Intermediate

Nature based poem that  
earned champion at  
county contest.



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# *Walks of Life*

By Chelby

*Life is bitter and cold, many stories untold.*

*Crying, weeping, sorrow, and pain, who can relieve this restrain?*

*Broken hearts, many fallen, if only we can begin callin. Ripped apart piece by piece, but it will never cease. Day in, day out, all you feel is doubt.*

*Frustrating life can be, but one day you will see.*

*Pain and suffering all gone away, just wake up to a brand new day.*

*In and out, come and go, just follow the tempo.*

*Follow the path that leads you on, for it can be beautiful as the newly lit dawn.*

*Life is a gift, memory, and friend, don't give in until the end.*

*Stories are unique, each one planned, just like walking on cool wet sand.*

*Each grain small as dust , can it be just like trust?*

*Life is hard, rotten and unfair, so all we can do is be in prayer.*

*Day after day, night after night, just keep up the good fight.*

*Life is tough but so are you, just ask God to get you through.*

*I know it's hard to keep pushing on, it sounds silly kinda like a fawn.*

*God's got us where we need to be, oh trust me you will see.*

# Chelby

## Jackson County Level: Senior

A poem I wrote about how life is not an easy road to walk, but putting your trust in God will get you through. I competed in the presentation contest with this poem and won Reserve Champion.



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