Belmont University “Favorite Story” Poetry Contest

Favorite Story Title: A Baby’s Tall Tale

Prizes
- Grand Prize: $250 for the student and $250 for the student’s classroom
- Second Prize: $150 for the student and $150 for the student’s classroom
- Third Prize: $100 for the student and $100 for the student’s classroom

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Begins: January 19, 2010   Ends: February 8, 2010

In light of the tenth anniversary of Family Literacy Day, Belmont University’s Volunteers for Literacy is holding a poetry contest for Metro elementary students grades 1-4. We ask that the students write a 16-20 line poem about their favorite story. The poems do not have to rhyme, but it is preferred that they do. Once the poems are submitted, they will be judged by Belmont University students and five finalists will be chosen. These five finalists will, at the end of February, meet with professional songwriters and put their words to music. From the five songs produced, a winner and two runners-up will be chosen. The winning poem will be performed at Belmont’s 10th annual Family Literacy Day on Saturday, April 10th.

Poem
(use other side too, if needed)

My brother named Alex was three years old
On the phone with my grandmom this story he told
About the day he was born and the great things he did.
As a tiny little baby, not even a kid
I ate a hamburger, he said, “it was yum!
I rode a dinosaur while sucking my thumb.”
"I flew on an owl in the middle of the night. I wrote a long letter and spelled my words right.

Alex, you're short but your stories are tall. Alex, you're the funniest of them all.

"I beat up a robber and I beat him up quickly. I rescued a chick. I played a bass drum, a flute, and a horn."

I climbed a tree. I sat on a branch and saw a monkey. I parachuted into a gopher's hole.

And we ate snacks and played..."
Who's Alex, you're short but your stories are tall. Alex, you're the funniest one of them all.