Belmont University "Favorite Story" Poetry Contest

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)

For God's Child
Your friends shall be Tall Wind,
The River and the Tree.
The Sun that laughs and marches,
The Swallows and the Sea.
Your prayers shall be murmur,
Of grasses in the rain.
The song of wildwood thrushes,
That makes God happy again.
And you shall run and wander,
And you shall dream and sing.
Of brave things and bright things,
Beyond the swallow's wing.
And you shall envy no man,
Nor hurt your heart with sighs.
For I will keep you simple,
That God may make you wise.
He will make you wonderful.
And all full of pride,
You shall be thankful.
For all he never hides.