Belmont University’s Volunteers for Literacy is holding a poetry contest for Metro elementary students in grades 1-4. We ask that the students write a 16-20 line poem about their favorite story or poem that they have read. 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 meet with Belmont songwriting majors and professional songwriters in early February and put their words to music. From the five songs produced, a winner and two runners-up will be chosen through online voting. The winners will be announced at Belmont’s 14th annual Family Literacy Day on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

All Entries become the property of Belmont University.

Entries should be submitted 4:00 p.m., Tues., Nov. 26th, to Tim Stewart, Director of Service-Learning. They can be mailed to Tim’s attention at 1900 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, TN 37212, dropped off at the Center for Social Entrepreneurship and Service-Learning, 1513 Compton Ave., 37212, scanned and sent as a PDF file to tim.stewart@belmont.edu (the preferred method).

TIMERTURNER
I turn the time. I twist the clock.
I flip upside down; back in time tickety-tock.
It helps my grades. It helps my life.
It spins me around with all its might.
I fly back to history,
but be careful not to see me
for the danger of that could cause a catastrophe.
A little glass bottle of turning time
will make your life split in two
with a flick of a dime.
It can save more than one life
on this dark and stormy night.
It saved a magical creature
of loyalty, that’s right!
It also saved Sirius, a man of misunderstanding
who people fear on sight.
I turn the time. I twist the clock.
I flip upside down; back in time tickety-tock.
This wonderful device of power and strength will help us all if we just think.