

One Life

By Maryam Kazmi

Total Score: /117

One song can spark a moment
One flower can make the dream
One tree can start a forest
One bird can herald spring
One smile begins a friendship
One handclasp lifts a Soul
One star can guide a ship at sea
One word can frame the goal
One vote can change a nation
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness
One laugh will conquer gloom
One step must start a journey
One word must start a prayer
One hope will raise our spirits
One touch can show you care
One voice can speak with wisdom
One heart can know what is true
One life can make a difference
You see, it is up to you.

Today's My Favorite Holiday

By Kenn Nesbitt

Total Score: /120

Today's my favorite holiday.
A day to sing and dance and play.
A day to laugh and jump and run.
A day for having loads of fun.

Today's the day I celebrate.
I'm overjoyed. I'm feeling great!
I'll throw a party, have a ball.
Invite a friend, invite them all!

We'll play a game. We'll play a sport.
We'll frolic, rollick, romp, cavort.
We'll celebrate all over town.
We'll party till the sun goes down.

Another favorite holiday
Just happened only yesterday.
And, yes, tomorrow, strange but true,
Will surely be my favorite too.

You want to know how there could be
so many holidays for me?
It's simple. See, to qualify
A day must have to end in "Y."

A Song of Our Flag

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

Total Score: /129

Your Flag and my Flag!
And, oh, how much it holds -
Your land and my land -
Secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart
Beat quicker at the sight;
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed,
Red and blue and white.
The one Flag - the great Flag - the Flag for me and
you -
Glorified all else beside - the red and white and blue!

Your Flag and my Flag!
To every star and stripe
The drums beat as hearts beat
And fifers shrilly pipe!
Your Flag and my Flag -
A blessing in the sky;
Your hope and my hope -
It never hid a lie!
Home land and far land and half the world around,
Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the
sound!

My New Pet

by Bruce Lansky

Total Score: /119

I asked my father for a pet.
He said, "I'll take you shopping."
My father took me to a store
where animals were hopping.

He asked me, "Which one do you like?"
So I picked out a puppy,
a parakeet, a rabbit,
plus a gerbil and a guppy.

I also picked a monkey
and a yellow Siamese cat,
a turtle, snake, and lizard,
plus a very big white rat.

My dad said, "If you want a pet,
then you will have to feed it."
Instead, I picked a storybook.
I cannot wait to read it.