

# CON SPIRITO

## PRESCRIBED POEMS ENGLISH FOR 2021

<p><b>Grade RRR</b> FIVE SENSE NONSENSE – Kenn Nesbitt</p> <p>I saw a saw. I felt some felt. I heard a herd. I smelt a smelt. I ate at eight. So tell me, do does this make any sense to you?</p>	<p><b>Grade RR</b> AFTER A BATH – Unkown</p> <p>After my bath I try, try, try to wipe myself till I'm dry, dry, dry Hands to wipe and fingers and toes and two wet legs and a shiny nose</p> <p>Just think how much less time I'd take if I were a dog and could shake, shake, shake!</p>
<p><b>Grade R</b> NO PENCIL – Kenn Nesbitt</p> <p>No pencil. No marker. No paint brush. No pen. No nothing to draw with or paint with again.</p> <p>No blue paint. No green paint. No pink paint. No red. Mom takes them away when I colour my head!</p>	<p><b>Grade 1</b> I LOOK IN THE MIRROR – Helen H. Moore</p> <p>I look in the mirror and what do I see? A pair of eyes looks back at me. A nose, two ears, two eyebrows, too: Two lips, and teeth, to say, "I love you."</p> <p>I look in the mirror and what do I see? I look in the mirror and I see ME!</p>
<p><b>Grade 2</b> IMAGINARY FRIEND – Kenn Nesbitt</p> <p>I came to school today with my imaginary friend.</p>	<p><b>Grade 3</b> PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS – Unknown</p> <p>Pumpkins, pumpkins all around,</p>

When everyone said “hi to him,  
I said, “He’s just pretend”  
But no one seemed to notice,  
which I thought was pretty weird.  
It turns out he’d imagined me,  
and, *poof*, I disappeared!

big and small  
oval and round.  
Picking a pumpkin  
is so much fun,  
but how can I  
choose just one.

I search the patch  
from left to right,  
under stems and leaves  
tucked in tight.

What is this  
that I spy,  
from the corner  
of my eye.

Just the right size  
nice and round,  
the perfect pumpkin  
I have found.

#### **Grade 4**

IF I WAS A SUPERHERO... - Sally Gray

If I was a superhero  
I’d definitely fly.  
Arms out stretched  
racing birds in the sky.  
If I was a superhero  
I’d have special powers  
like extra strong legs  
for jumping over towers.  
If I was a superhero  
I’d save all the oceans  
with my secret and magical  
cleaning up potions.  
If I was a superhero  
I’d save all the trees  
and the mountains and rivers.  
The birds and the bees.  
If I was a superhero  
I’d help all the poor  
give them food,  
and make them hungry no more.  
If I was a superhero  
I’m sure you’ll agree  
the world would be better  
because of me!

#### **Grade 5**

MY SISTER’S PRETTY PICKY – Kenn Nesbitt

My sister’s pretty picky.  
She likes to pick a fight.  
She always wants to pick the film  
on family movie night.

She picks her teeth with toothpicks.  
She’s skilled at picking locks.  
She picks her Minecraft pickaxe  
to pick away at blocks.

She’s always picking flowers.  
She picks on her guitar.  
She’s even picky when she’s  
picking out a candy bar.

I only wish that, now and then,  
she might pick up her clothes.  
I also wish she wasn’t  
quite so picky with her nose.

**Grade 6**

MY TEACHER TOOK MY IPOD – Kenn Nesbitt

My teacher took my iPod.  
She said they had a rule,  
I couldn't bring it into class  
or even to the school.

She said she would return it,  
I'd have it back that day.  
But then she tried my headphones on  
and gave a click on Play.

She looked a little startled,  
but after just a while  
she made sure we were occupied  
and cracked a wicked smile.

Her body started swaying.  
Her toes began to tap.  
She started grooving in her seat  
and rocking to the rap.

My teacher said she changed her mind.  
She thinks it's now okay  
to bring my iPod into class.  
She takes it every day.

**Grade 7**

APRIL FOOL'S DAY – Kenn Nesbitt

Mackenzie put a woopy cushion  
on the teacher's chair.  
Makayla told the teacher  
that a bug was in her hair.

Alyssa brought an apple  
with a purple gummy worm  
and gave it to the teacher  
just to see if she would squirm.

Elijah left a piece of plastic  
dog doo on the floor,  
and Vincent put some plastic vomit  
in the teacher's draw.

Amanda put a goldfish  
in the teacher's drinking glass.  
These April Fool's Day pranks  
are ones that you could use in class.

Before you go and try them though,  
there's something I should mention:  
The teacher wasn't fooling  
when she put us in detention.

**Grade 8 to 9**

WATER IS OUR EVERYTHING – Olivia Souza

Water is our source of life  
Water is our everything  
Without it, we have nothing  
Together we must protect it

The little things do a lot  
Start taking shorter showers  
Maybe just 5 minutes or so  
It's not that much to ask

Do not waste day old water  
There is nothing wrong  
Use it to water all your plants  
So they grow nice and strong

While doing dishes, turn off the faucet  
There's no need for waste

**Grade 10 to 12**

SONG OF A WHALE – Kit Wright

Heaving mountain in the sea  
Whale, I heard you  
Grieving,  
Great whale, crying for your life,  
Crying for your kind, I knew  
How we would use  
Your dying;  
Lipstick for our painted faces  
Polish for our shoes.  
Tumbling mountain in the sea,  
Whale, I heard you  
Calling.  
Bird-high notes, keening, soaring:  
At their edge a tiny drum  
Like a heartbeat.  
We would make you  
Dumb.  
In the forest of the sea,  
Whale, I heard you

Your dishes can be squeaky clean  
The Earth will be okay

See I told you, it's not that hard  
Little things do matter  
Just start to be more aware  
Then everything will get better

Singing,  
Singing to your kind.  
We'll never let you be.  
Instead of life we choose  
Lipstick for our painted faces  
Polish for our shoes.