



# Garvald Children's Poetry Competition 2015

Poems on the theme 'Light'  
to celebrate  
National Poetry Day



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## *Introduction*

This competition was organized by the Garvald Village Website Team in support of National Poetry Day, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

We had almost eighty entries to our poetry competition this year! The theme, as for National Poetry Day, was 'Light'. The poems were sent as anonymous entries for judging and this year we were delighted to have Edinburgh-based Poet **Donald Campbell** as our expert judge.

## *Comments from the judge*

*"I enjoyed reading these poems and, in general terms, would say at once that I was impressed by two particular qualities; the wide variety of ways in which the young poets approached the theme and a certain playfulness that I found in their execution of ideas. The element of play is always important in poetry and is not to be undervalued. If I have one piece of advice, it is that too often the poems started well but lost impact by the finish. In poetry, how you finish can often be more important than how you begin."*

*Donald Campbell*

We thank Donald for taking the time to read all of the poems and our congratulations go to the winners. All of the winning entries have been published at [www.garvald.org.uk](http://www.garvald.org.uk) on the 'Competitions!' pages.



## Winners

### Category: 7-8 Years

Winner: **Olivia Urquhart McKendry** (*Beautiful Night*)

Second: **Helen Stoddart** (*The Moon Shadows*)

Runner Up: **Honor Thomson** (*The Lights of Edinburgh*)

Our judge, Donald, said: “In the poem *Beautiful Night* I liked the idea of the dark reflecting the light. I liked the way the final line turned the poem *Moon Shadow* into a story. *The Lights of Edinburgh* is a brave attempt at a spatial, which only just misses. In addition, I would commend *Sunlight* (by **Harry Lee**) and *The Bonfire* (by **Inika Robertson**) for their imagery.”

### Category: 9-10 Years

Winner: **Molly Clark** (*I Hate Living in the City*)

Second: **Zoe Doig** (*Sun*)

Runner Up: **William Gale** (*Mr. Light*)

Our judge said: “In *I Hate Living in the City* I loved the use of rhyme and the refrain. *Sun* was the best of the spatials. In *Mr Light* I liked the treatment of light as a person. I would also commend *Power Cut* (by **Isla Irvine**) and *Sun at Day* (by **Jemma Swan**) for their original treatment of the theme ‘Light.’”

### Category: 11-12 Years

Winner: **Ruth Meynell** (*Ocean Moonlight*)

Second: **Lucia Bivar Segurado** (*I Have a Friend*)

Runner Up: **Katya Eardley** (*Light*)

Our judge said: “I liked *Ocean Moonlight* for the sense of movement in the lines. In the poem *I Have a Friend* I liked the way that a great deal was said in a few words. I enjoyed the use of the refrain in the poem *Light*. In addition, I would commend *The Fire Warm and Inviting* (by **Reuben Phoenix-Hill**) for its very strong beginning.”





## Winning Poems: Age Group 7-8 Years

### *First Prize*

#### Beautiful Night

The sky is dark, the moon is out  
The animals are in their slumber  
The stars are out  
The sun is away for the very next day  
The stars are burning with light  
Like diamonds sewn across black silk of the night  
The sky is blacker than coal  
From the fire beneath the logs in my home

*Olivia Urquhart McKendry, Age 8*

### *Second Prize*

#### The Moon Shadows

I lurk around in the dark  
Running through all the rivers and streams  
To hide from light  
It's so hard to find a bed at night  
Munching on the cold winter grass  
Under the trees then finding dark  
And resting my tiny fawn head.

*Helen Stoddart, Age 8*

## *Runner Up*

### The Lights of Edinburgh

The lights of Edinburgh shine so bright.  
But not too bright that you cannot see.  
At the airport in the hospitals.  
All over Edinburgh shines so  
Bright.

Purple and green blue and red.  
Dots and lines stripes and checked.  
They look so beautiful like coloured  
Jewels.

*Honor Thomson, Age 8*

## Winning Poems: Age Group 9-10 Years

### *First Prize*

I Hate Living in the City

Light, light in the night,  
Why is it so bright?  
I hate living in the city.

It seems at night,  
That its daylight,  
All the street lamps  
And signs are terribly bright,  
I hate living in the city.

I feel like it's the sun  
It's so bright,  
I've said it twice  
And I'll say it again  
I HATE living in the city.

*Molly Clark, Age 10*

## *Second Prize*

Sun

When she is being naughty she makes the volcanoes on earth

Explode

When she is in a huff she shoots fire out her

Nose

When she is happy she simply says

Hello

But when she is asleep and the moon takes

Over

With just a little help

The moon is shining just as bright and all is well

*Zoe Doig, Age 10*

## *Runner Up*

### *Mr Light*

Mr Light came down from the sun  
And landed on this beautiful Earth  
He did not know where he was  
But Jack said he was in Perth.

Because he was the sun  
It was all dark  
Only he was light  
So there was none in the park.

But one day he met a bulb  
And made her a light.  
He did it all over the planet  
So this world would be really bright.

Then one day it was time to return  
So let's say goodbye to the Earth  
And lets burn once again  
Also most of all goodbye Jack and Perth.

*William Gale, Age 9*



## Winning Poems: Age Group 11-12 Years

### *First Prize*

#### *Ocean Moonlight*

Little boat, vast ocean  
Cold, calm, gentle motion  
Flickering, flaring  
Soothing, settling  
Little boat, vast ocean

Tiny stars, giant moon  
Dancing, swirling, darkish loom  
Sharp white, lapping light  
Tiny stars, giant moon

Little boat, vast ocean  
Deafening silence, faithful motion  
Sharp shadows  
Twinkling turquoise  
Little boat, vast ocean

Tiny stars, giant moon  
Bright display, blackish loom  
Glowing gas  
Black, blue  
Tiny stars, giant moon.

*Ruth Meynell, Age 12*

## *Second Prize*

### *I Have a Friend*

I have a friend,  
Called dark,  
He comes out,  
When the sun,  
Goes down.

I have another,  
Friend called light,  
She comes out,  
When the moon,  
Goes down.

*Lucia Bivar Segurado, Age 11*



## *Runner Up*

### Light

Sun.

Bright, amazing, warm

Calm and happy

Weird, surprising and beautiful

Wishing the sun was out every day.

Sitting eating on the grass

With the sun shining

The beautiful ball of light

Hanging above our heads

Oh the sun, the sun, the sun.

Bright colours spreading

Across the sky

Giving the world happiness

All through our life

Oh the sun, the sun, the sun.

Light, love spreading throughout our hearts

Grass humming from the producer of life

Oh the sun, the sun, the sun.

Relaxing, lying now

Letting sunlight wash over me

Warm grass on my back

Wanting to stay forever

Oh the sun, the sun, the sun.

Wondering, wishing the sun would never die

Her forever guiding us to love

Oh the sun, the sun, the sun.

*Katya Eardley, Age 11*



## Other Entries: Age Group 7-8 Years

### Bright lights

I woke up and looked out the window  
I ran down the stairs  
And jumped out the window and into the garden  
I stared there was so much light  
And the moon and the Northern lights they were all so bright  
There were helicopters yellow and orange even red and blue

*Ronnie Brown, Age 8*

### Sunlight

Sunrise good morning everyone  
Umbrellas not seen anywhere  
New day is here to have some fun  
Light upon everyone  
In the sunlight  
Gorgeously bright  
Happy days for everyone  
Today is light bright

*Harry Lee, Age 8*

### Lightning

It scares me sometimes  
But it can be cool  
The light is so bright  
It is like  
Fireworks

*Evie Harkness, Age 8*

### Lightning

Lightning is light, lightning is bright.  
In a grey cloud turns to loud.  
In your bed, what do you see?  
Lightning, lightning that's what I see.  
It's cool and loud, strikes a tree.  
Lightning, lightning life for me.

*Robbie Clark, Age 8*

### Stars

Stars are shimmering  
Time to shine  
A lovely sight  
Rising moon  
Stars are a very bright light

*Rachel Rollo, Age 8*

### The Bonfire

Fires on the beaches  
Snuggle up warm for the midnight feast  
You can see the sparks flying  
And you're walking away  
The fire flying away behind you  
As you walk to the tent

*Inika Robertson, Age 8*

### The Desert

The light of the sun  
Comes over the land  
Of the desert  
Of Africa  
With the blue sky above.

*Thomas Robertson, Age 8*

### Sun Set Moon Rise

The day goes darker the sun goes down  
Beautiful colours all around  
Pink, blue, purple and orange  
So bold making themselves seen  
The sun disappears  
The colours are gone  
But wait  
The moon is coming  
So are the stars  
Shimmering and glimmering  
As they do  
Wonderful stars  
And the moon

*Annabelle Murray, Age 8*

### The Northern Lights

The bright northern lights on the horizon  
All the different lights  
Green and red on the horizon  
It was beautiful  
With them moving in the sky

*Daniel Bond, Age 8*



## Other Entries: Age Group 9-10 Years

### Shooting Star

Sun going down, moon coming up the clock goes tick stock  
All fast asleep  
While it strikes midnight  
Shooting stars  
Zooming past my window  
I fell asleep  
Before dawn

*Jessie Doherty, Age 9*

### Stars in the Sky

Seeing stars, as I lay down I can hear tons of sounds  
The stars sparkle in my eyes, could it be a lie?  
Astonished I see 3 twinkling shooting stars! They look very far...  
Racing to my mum I tell her some news  
Shooting stars? We run out of the white door, we see more!  
I am amazed of how many stars in one night! They look very far..  
Near or far? Will they appear one more?  
Then again maybe they went anywhere! It was like tons of fairies!  
Half-way walking I saw the BIGGEST star!  
Every star I saw, my dog came out and gave me a paw!  
Seeing thinking could it be? Or is it just me..  
Kind of fun and very amazing to look at!  
Yes, let's go inside and get some hot chocolate!

*Heather Wheelan, Age 9*

## The Stars

Stars

Like sequins

Across the blackness

Of the night

Pegasus, Orion and the plough

They all twinkle like they are speaking

To me

Maybe

It's a giant with two dresses

One for the day and one for the night

Maybe she makes the eclipse happen but far, far in the future

All her glory will be no more.

*Rudie Shearer, Age 9*

## Sun and moon

Sun goes down

The moon takes its place

No one gets up when the moon is up

When the sun is up

Everyone gets up

*Elliot Hippe, Age 9*



### The Airport

As the sun goes down  
The airport lights turn on  
The runway is bright with lights  
The planes go off in the dark night  
You see the lights of the planes  
Flickering in the dark black sky  
The stars are out  
The planes have set out on their journey again

*By Abbie Sneddon, Age 9*

### Power Cut

Flick on, flick off, power cut again!!  
The light goes on and off  
I wake up and look on my clock 1:25 in the morning.  
I turn on my light power cut!  
I tiptoed downstairs  
I looked at the TV  
It was pure black  
I looked through the windows  
And suddenly lightning struck outside the window  
I ran into my bedroom  
And suddenly a huge bang  
Hear all our TVs going off  
Everyone wakes up  
I look down the street  
All the lights, TVs and phones going off

*Isla Irvine, Age 9*

### Summer Light

Dogs bark to each other, do not know what they're saying  
Sun shining on me  
Getting tanned  
Sun goes down  
The moon goes up  
There is still light in the dark  
And the moon is nice and full  
Stars come out and make more light.

*Amelia Guzikowska, Age 9*

### Light Is Cool

Light is amazing  
It shines all day  
Gardeners smiling  
Happy people  
The sun burning

It is very nice  
So people can see

Cool summer breeze  
Orange in the evenings  
Oysters at the beach  
Love all around

*Indie Phoenix-Hill, Age 9*

### Morning Light

The seagulls chirp in the morning as the sun rises  
And a whole new day of light  
That might be full of surprises  
As the sun shines over my home  
And the sun tells me that I'll never be alone  
I get out of bed  
And wake up my head.

*Tom Kelman, Age 9*

### A Bright Light

One night I went for a walk, I saw a light it was like a spark.  
It was shaped like a star, but it was ever so far.  
I said to myself "it must be big", and then I realised it was over a bridge.  
I wanted to go and find the light, but what if it's too bright?  
Then I said to myself "I will just remember, it would be easy because it's the  
25th of December.

*Jessica Cole, Age 9*

### Any Light

Light, light is hot and warm  
But when its dark lightning is light  
And the moon.  
Houses are powered by the sun.  
Light helps us all  
By the morning light strikes us all  
We wake up and go yawn.  
Cars have lights  
Most cars do.  
Sky is light  
Fireworks are cool  
But fire is better.

*Taylor Black, Age 10*

### Light Goes

Light is left, right, up and down  
Light is everywhere zooming round  
Light is bright dim but shines  
Light comes from the sun then its daytime  
Light zig zags from the clouds  
Light is flashing round the world  
I like light and light likes me

*Rorie Watt, Age 10*

### Fireworks

Amazing pictures in the dark night sky  
So bright so colourful they would never lie,  
I cannot tell you  
How beautiful they can be,  
Especially when they are  
Over the sea.

*Daisy Ingram, Age 9*

### Light is Bright

Light, light, light,  
Oh it shines so bright  
I love the day time and shimmering light  
Oh the night time it gives me such a fright  
I'm glad I've got my nightlight right here by my side

*Jenny Jumelle, Age 10*

## Brightness

Brightness, brightness everywhere  
Fireworks are bright  
And so are yellow and white  
That are very bright.

Sparklers are bright, bright  
Up against the black night  
Going fizz and flash  
Dancing with me under all this light.

Brightness is very light  
And I am not scared when I am with it  
Lots of light in this world  
But now darkness is here and light will never shine again.

*Anna Meikle, Age 10*

## A Spectacular Light

When the clouds stayed still and so did the sun  
There was a spectacular light  
I had never seen  
The light shimmered and shone against the sky  
And filled the world with a grateful cry  
Suddenly the clouds rolled away  
And revealed a beautiful  
Night sky  
And waves of light rolled by  
With amazing colours I had never seen  
What spectacular light I had seen

*Isla Kilkenny, Age 10*

### Glowing Fire

Luminous light

Is like a

**G**lowing fire

**H**eat is coming from the fire

**T**he logs are burning from the glowing fire.

*Callum McBain, Age 10*

### Light and Dark

Light is fun just like the sun.

But I don't like the dark but I love the sun.

On Christmas night we go to see the beautiful lights.

The moon shines in the moonlight.

Dark is not that bad any more.

*Amy Harkness, Age 10*

### Stars

Starlight, moonlight, starbright, sunlight.

Look at all the stars shining so bright.

The stars all shimmer in the night so light.

It's so bright like summers light.

It's so bright you could be awake

All the way till day by the way.

*Oakleigh Robertson, Age 10*

### Lightning

Lightning is a flash of light  
It goes bang in the night  
When it goes off  
It gives my sister a fright  
I'm not scared of lightning  
It's just a spikey light.

*Alistair Clyne, Age 10*

### Sun at Day

Light hops up the chimneys  
With not a sign of soot  
She climbs up the buildings  
And hovers  
She reaches into her bag  
Gets yellow dust with energy to fill the solar panels  
She hops down and lights the street lights  
Then the light of dark comes and all his friends come along too.

*Jemma Swan, Age 10*

### Light's journey

Light shimmers and sparkles all day long,  
In different shapes and different forms  
It travels all around the world and back again,  
Reflecting and bouncing off the walls and surfaces  
Through the jungle, under the sea  
There's no stopping light on its journey!  
Dim and bright.  
Big and small.  
Fast and even faster!  
There's no stopping light at all!

*Fergus Curran, Age 9*

### Finding Light

Finding light is easy,  
It's everywhere you look.  
You might not even realise it but you'd find life hard without it.

Imagine that you've lost it,  
What on earth would you do?  
Imagine you were in the dark with nothing to see or do.  
Thankfully it's safely here,  
So don't worry we have light!!

*Ellen Hunter, Age 10*

### Bright

Lightning is bright  
Lightning is very shiny  
So bright lightning  
Can give me a fright.

Fireworks are bright  
Fireworks are very shiny,  
So sparkly fireworks  
Can give me a fright.

*Jack Brown, Age 9*

### Light

Sun light, moon light, electric lights as well  
All are bright especially the sun, so bright, so light, so high up in the sky,  
I love to play in the warm, warm sun all day long  
When the day is gone I love to look at the moon shining bright up in the sky  
Then I get into my bed and I read a book.

*Sophie Barclay, Age 10*



### How I Describe Light

How should I describe light lets go and see.  
On a sunny summer day the sun shines as bright as can be  
What else shall I describe about light.  
Let's go to a place in outer space where the moon and the  
Stars lie waiting for the dark sky to come for them to glow.  
Oh I almost forgot but now I remembered what else I am  
My favourite time of year is winter.  
Why you ask because of the fire light.  
Fire light shimmers and shines and  
When I am cold it warms me up.  
Last describe of the day and then I'll have to go to watch  
The stars.  
Light is bright, light and fun.

*SAM, Age 10*

### A Lovely Night

The stars shone bright on  
A Christmas night and  
The sky was clear as  
Crystal.  
The moon shone like  
A light bulb tonight and  
The street lights  
Glittered.  
The sky looked so deep  
That you could lose yourself  
In it forever and  
Ever.

*Jasmine Anderson-George, Age 10*

### The World's Light

The world turned night,  
The moon shining like a light,  
Stars coming out,  
Werewolves coming to get me,  
Well, I doubt.  
The morning came,  
So did the sun, blinding people's eyes.  
And now it's coming through my window getting me out of bed.

*Ewan McClung, Age 10*

### When Lights Go On and Off

When it gets late,  
Everything is faint,  
Lights then dim,  
And it slowly gets dark.  
Lights soon fade away,  
All down the lane.  
When time passes,  
The lights go on again.  
The sun rises,  
And the birds start flying.  
It is all so bright and dark  
When lights go on and off.

*Rosie Taylor, Age 10*

### In the Night

In the night,  
The sun goes down.  
The moon comes up,  
And shines its light  
Brightly down on us.

*Samantha Alyssa Snowden, Age 10*

### The Red Moon

At night the Moon  
Turns red on an occasional  
Time and day.  
It is bright and shines  
In the sky,  
It sparkles in my eyes  
Which makes light amazing.

*Rory Morrison, Age 10*

### Moonlight Bright

The moonlight makes  
The snow look so bright.  
It's so warm inside with  
The fire blazing the room  
Is an amazing orange.  
We decided to go outside  
And have a huge snowball  
Fight.

*Eloise Thursz, Age 10*

### The Properties of Fire

The fire so fiery  
Although sometimes soothing  
But makes people weary as well  
When the bright light is moving.

It can be used as a torch  
As a useful tool  
But can scorch you  
If you think you can rule.

The warmth is comforting  
And melts metal, such as steel,  
It helps you think and take a break  
And is perfect for an evening meal.

It turns darkness to its opposite  
And helps people afraid of the night  
Fire mostly makes things better  
And has no need to give people a fright.

*Arthur Meynell, Age 9*

### The Colours of a Rainbow

The colours of a rainbow are very bright  
And they can produce a lot of lovely light.  
This makes the rainbow extremely see-able,  
And they make me think everything is be-able.

On foggy days they hardly show  
Or even when there is lots of snow  
You can look low, left, right and high  
And still not see their beautiful trace up in the sky.

*William Barlow, Age 9*

### The Fantastic Night

Remember, remember  
The fifth of November  
The blazing light  
Of the fire that night.

The whistling gave me a fright  
When the dogs were out of sight

The bang was scary  
Which made me wary  
It was scary as can be  
But not enough to frighten me.

The air was cold  
As I had been told  
But the treats were good  
Which lightened the mood.

*Max Thomson, Age 9*

### The Rainbow

The beautiful rainbow as bright as light  
You will never see it in the night  
The end is never to be told  
Is there really a pot of gold?

Is it made of sun or rain?  
Or maybe it's the Leprechauns again  
Playing tricks on your eyes  
Playing tricks in the skies.

Red, green, purple and blue  
All those colours just for you  
Will you ever get to the end?  
That is up to you my friend!

*Joe Townshend, Age 9*

### I'm Scared of the Dark

When it is dark, I am scared  
Because I cannot be prepared  
With bats and lots of other things  
And frogs, who knows what night brings.

A lot of things hide in the dark  
And if I listen I can hear a bark.  
Sometimes I hide under my covers and shiver  
Wondering what else will make me shiver.

When I come out from my cover  
It is like I see a hooded figure.  
So tall, so strong and so scary  
Then I try to think of a fairy.

*Hugo Maciver, Age 9*

### Fireworks

In the sky,  
Boom, crackle, smack  
Hitting the air  
With a great whack.

In the sky  
It is bright  
Covering up  
The moonlight

In the morning  
At dawn  
Chairs and bottles  
Left on the lawn.

Looking up at the  
Sky so bright  
But now there is  
No moonlight.

*Oliver Reynolds, Age 9*

### Meteorite

All was silent, not a sound,  
Then suddenly, a terrific crowd!  
They all shouted, into the night,  
Screaming, running, a meteorite!

*Freddie Stuart, Age 9*

## Fireworks

Fireworks are very loud  
Fireworks can make you jump  
They are powerful every night  
You could even hear a thump.

They are colourful  
They are light  
They can even  
Give you a fright.

They swirl  
They whizz  
They crackle  
They fizz.

Lots of colours  
Lots of explosions  
Lots of noise, like  
A magic potion.

When everything is over  
And it's time to go away  
Everyone heads home  
Even though they want to stay.

*Honor Stevens, Age 9*



## Bonfire Night

The fifth of November is bonfire night  
It usually starts with a spark of light.  
Sparks from the bonfire glistened  
As it is bonfire night.

I wear hats, wellies and gloves  
As it is muddy, cold and rough.  
We get marshmallows on hot chocolate  
As it is bonfire night.

Tonight the fireworks start with  
Pop with bang and whizz  
Explosions here and there  
As it is bonfire night.

It is coming to the end of a beautiful night  
With sparklers and fireworks, what a beautiful sight  
I had a wonderful time  
As tonight was bonfire night.

*Flora Stodart, Age 9*

## Animals

You may see a horse in the sky at night,  
swishing its twinkling tail.

You may see a bear in the sky at night,  
following a honey trail.

You may see a lion in the sky at night,  
shooting stars from his mane.

You may see an eye in the sky at night,  
winking to the starlit train.

I see a plough in the sky at night,  
shaking and clattering along.

I see a belt in the sky at night,  
holding the sky up strong.

*Archie de la Hey, Age 9*

## Angels of Fire

I love to lie down and look at the stars,  
Imagine I'm flying high,

I love to think of angels of fire,  
Blessing the night's sky.

Every night I close my eyes,

And I hear them twinkling bold,

I would love to be a star in the sky,

Flying over sleeping souls.

At the end of the day, if I'm lucky,

I will see a shooting star,

I wish and I wish that one day,

My dreams will not be far.

*Tom Leckie, Age 9*

### Sun in the Daytime

Sun in the daytime,  
Hot and soothing,  
Moon in the night time,  
Cold and cooling.  
Stars in the sky,  
Glitter and shimmer,  
Fun to play with,  
Gentle they glimmer.  
A ball of glowing fire,  
I look, I admire,  
Every night when you're asleep,  
The hot sun says "Play with me".

*Abbey Wood, Age 9*

### Moon, Sun and Flickering Lights

"Come over moon," said the sun one day,  
"Come over to play today,  
Watch the angels in the night,  
Bring your silk and blaring light."  
"Come over sun", said the moon one day,  
"Come over to play tonight,  
Bring your bold and sparkling light,  
Come and see the flickering night,  
Just for once, just tonight."

*Lilly Wallace, Age 10*



## Other Entries: Age Group 11-12 Years

### The Fire Warm and Inviting

The fire warm and inviting,  
As the people crowd around it.  
The warmth fills the air,  
As the people admire it.

The stars bright, calming,  
As the people sit watching them.  
Beautiful in the dark sky,  
As the people sit wondering.

The moon kind and knowing,  
As the people watch sleepily.  
An emblem in the sky,  
As the people sleep under it.

The sun slowly rising,  
As the people begin to stir.  
The light shining down,  
As the people watch in awe.

*Reuben Phoenix-Hill, Age 11*

### In the Morning

I went out the door  
And felt almost blinded  
With all the force  
It was bright and light  
As never before.

*Craig Milligan, Age 11*

### Light of the Moon

The moonlight shown up on the lake.  
The purple lake had a stroke of white  
And the hills surrounding it reflecting  
To the sky.  
You can see the craters of the moon in the lake  
And the light of the moon was nigh.

*Aidan Ballantyne, Age 11*

### Snowy Night

The stars shone bright on the mountain tonight.  
No footprints to be seen in the snow,  
The moonlight beamed out of the sky.  
The streetlights glittered  
It's so calm and nice.

*Nicole Taylor, Age 11*

### The Bright Sun

When it is bright,  
The sun comes out.  
When the sun is out,  
It is hot.  
When the sun is out, you get hot again.

*Daniel Murray, Age 11*

### Moonlight in the Night

In the night the moon shines bright,  
I look outside and get a fright.  
I go back to bed, and hit my head  
I have a dream and the moon  
Still gleams.

*Holly Elliot, Age 11*

### Light, Light, Light

Looking down at Earth tonight,  
All I see is light  
Drivers driving with  
Full beam  
Light, light, light.

Now that all the  
Drivers have driven  
All the light is  
Still bright.  
It's coming from the  
Glow of the street lamps.  
Light, light, light.

*Tom Riddell, Age 11*

### Useful Light

The sun always brings bright light but apart from the night  
The moon brings light but not in the day I wrote this line because I didn't  
know what to say.

In the middle of the night when your dad turns off the light there could be  
something waiting to give you a fright.

The stars at night are our only source of light yeah I know there's a moon  
but it's not too bright we can make shapes with the stars like Orion's belt  
and cars.

You're lucky at school to have such a useful tool, lights in your class which  
isn't just a flash you have a light on your ceiling

In 1879 they couldn't believe what they were seeing I think that shock was  
too much for a human being.

That's the end of my poem thank Thomas Edison for inventing light  
perhaps you might know him.

Liam Jumelle, Age 11

### The Moon and the Stars

The stars, the stars they brighten up the sky  
As the moon watches reassuringly by

The comet, the comet races through the night  
As the moon watches indulgently by

The shooting star, burning bright  
As the moon watches proudly by

The moon, the moon up high  
As I warily watch by

The memories flood back in the night  
As the moon shines so bright.

*Robbie Stewart Howitt, Age 11*



## Moonlight

The moon is so high in the sky  
Stars are like a fire fly  
It shines down on the lake  
The light upon the lonely drake

Seems so close yet is so far  
This feeling inside is so bizarre  
The moon has a man smiling at me  
But the light is what I really see

I love the light which shines down  
Yet still hides all of my town  
The sky is dark without the moon  
I hope its light will come very soon

When all has gone from the sky  
It's empty of every firefly  
The moon no longer shimmers down  
Then the lonely drake drifts through the town.

*Eilidh Venters, Age 12*

## Light

Wandering through the dense, dark forest:  
    Life so simple.  
Staring behind me the silver moon glistening  
    Like a shattered mirror on the water  
The cold light above me, reaching through the trees into my eyes  
The shadows dancing around the air  
With a cool breeze making the night dark and drowsy  
    The light playing tricks on my eyes  
I slowly rise into a run  
My run turns into a sprint, filling  
    Me with pleasure  
I can't stop thinking about this incredible place,  
    Where joy rises up my body,  
    Making my nose tingle.  
But it's not just the place  
    It's the light  
The beautiful silver which tells you that time has no essence.

*Anna Lowry, Age 12*

## Time Lapse

Time lapse  
A flash going off in my eyes  
I feel like I'm going blind  
The flash is like a moon – so bright  
As I remember what happened that night  
  
I pale as I remember what I did  
It feels like a hole in my chest  
  
That one short corner and a flash of light  
That killed my friend

*Sholto Harris Stuart, Age 11*

### Gaze

As the waves lap over my feet  
I gaze admiringly at the reflection of the moon on the sea  
Its enchanting glow as  
The waves crash into me  
It puts my mind at ease  
While everything that is bad is forgotten  
For those few, precious seconds  
The quiet murmurs of the waves  
The wet sand giving way to my feet  
The bright light of the moon  
As it reflects off the enormous buildings  
Showing distant silhouettes of people  
I gaze and I wonder

*Lochie Bruneau, Age 11*

### Moonlight

The moon with its harsh, silent light  
Is still so peaceful and calm  
As I gaze in wonder and awe

I see the distant reflection in the cold, dark water  
Of the full moon at its zenith proud and glorious  
The many year old lump of rock

Cold stones against my back  
Are as cold as the moon's light  
The river as black as night

The orb twirls around in the midnight sky  
The beauty of its light is why I am here tonight.

*Joshua Nevill, Age 11*

## Firelight

We watched it grow  
Flickering with the occasional pop  
Everyone happy and laughing  
Dad's cheesy grin, ear to ear  
Mum's tinkling laughter  
Floating in the air  
Light dancing as it grows  
Spreading along the floor like a snake striking  
From room to room  
Spitting splashes of flame  
Screaming, crying with fear  
Scrambling for the door  
Dad trying to save everyone  
Jamie not fast enough screaming for help  
Sirens screeching  
Men, all these men running in  
Darkness  
And burning firelight.

*Ella Walford, Age 11*

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