

## 2008 First Place Poems

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2nd grade Caitlyn Wyers, Orange Beach Elementary

### Softball

Softballs are big and round.  
When you hit them they make a loud sound.  
I love to use one in my backyard.  
They are yellow and hard.  
They are easy to throw but hard to hit.  
We always keep an emergency kit.  
I love to run around the bases.  
My coach brings water by the cases.

6th grade Maryah Mixon, Orange Beach Elementary

Life  
Life isn't as easy as it seems  
We all have hopes and we all have dreams  
We wish upon a beaming star  
A dream to come from very far  
You get forced down to face your fears  
You'll come across fights and tears  
A nameless future will soon be here  
Maybe great, or even sheer  
Drama and gossip travels everywhere  
Sometimes you're alone, it seems like no one cares  
Over here a stab in the back  
And over there love is what we lack  
Peace is no where to be found  
A baby cries with a slashing sound  
It's never fair  
Because it's life-  
And it's always there.

8th grade Jasmine Lewis, Gulf Shores Middle School

### Say Goodnight

Fake a laugh

Fake a tear

She pretends to be happy

He pretends to care

She'll laugh at anything  
Just to get the chance to be happy

He'll sit there and listen  
Just so somebody thinks he's listening

Sad, little girl

Insensitive, little boy

Are we more than broken hearts  
Kept in secret jars  
Hidden from everybody but ourselves  
Our only joy is in those secrets that we keep

Say goodnight to your lies,  
To your secret lives,  
To your "true friends".

They don't know what you're doing,  
Or what you wish you could.  
So goodnight and goodbye.