

**Third Place Poetry – Middle School**

**The Best Things**

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The best diamonds are found

In the rough

Burrowed deep in rock

Yet the reward is more than enough

The best seashells are found

Beneath the sand

Just waiting to be dug out

By shovel or hand

The best artwork is found

Not in just the scenes

Look farther into the drawing

To understand what it means

The best people are found

Under the skin

Deep in the heart

And deeper within

For the decisions we make

And the actions we do

They all lead back

To the kindness of you