

## Second Place Poetry – Elementary School

### **Sand Ballet**

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I went down to the beach today,

Drawn a memory,

Lost in reverie

Of the things we did last May.

I saw the seagulls graceful sway,

Soaring and flying

As he was crying

The beat of the sand ballet.

The seals were swimming again today;

Their heads were bobbing

To the breakers throbbing

To the beat of sand ballet.

And soon a sandpiper came my way,

So shyly prancing

And swiftly dancing

To the steps of the sand ballet.

And waves that tossed a fine white spray

On sand were splashing

On rocks went dashing

Their part of the sand ballet.

But all the wonder has drained away. The thrill of caring,

And the joy of sharing

The view of the sand ballet.