

### **Third Place Poetry – High School**

**“Nature’s Song”**

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There I sat below a tree  
Sadly, it was only me  
Not that there's anything wrong  
I just found that among people, I did not belong

There I sat humming a song  
The rest of the world seemingly gone  
Then I heard soft singing that I thought was the best  
I then look up to see a little nest

There I sat staring at the little guest  
It came by me, seeming like it needed rest  
I picked it up to put on my knee  
Then covered it so only I would see

There I sat and heard the buzz of a bee  
It too came down to sit on my knee  
Then came a small rabbit  
It laid on my knee as if it was habit

There I sat and smiled down at it  
Then thought to myself this is where I fit  
As I said among people I do not belong  
But to feel that sense of belonging all I had to do was be kind  
and sing nature's song