

### **Third Place Poetry – Middle School**

**“Deceiving Looks”**

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A rose's beauty hides its thorns  
A person hides where they're torn  
Water sparkles but it can swallow  
A person seems happy but all they do is follow  
A colorful frog hides its poison  
A person hides their mental prison  
An ant has buddies to call for help  
But some people  
Keep silent in a losing war  
They need help  
And that's what friends are for