

### Third Place Poetry – Middle School

**“The Great God Pan”**

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The great god Pan lives  
Humans build, pollute, fence in, and trim  
But the wild is resilient, beautiful, peaceful, empowering, glorious  
The great god Pan lives  
People build, pollute, pave, fence in, trim, lawn mow, and weed whack  
The wild is weak, withering, shrinking, shriveling, dying  
A satyr runs to tell his brothers and sisters  
The great god Pan is dead  
But we must carry on his spirit  
The spirit of the wild  
The wild is within us  
The wild binds us  
The wild penetrates us  
The wild binds the galaxy together  
The wild is kind of like the force  
With all its beauty, peace, power, resilience, and glory  
The great god pan lives within you