



Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF)
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Choice A

The Trouble is...

by Rachel Rooney

Like jigsaw pieces from a different box
Like faulty plugs that have a broken pin
Like some odd key that won't undo the locks.
The trouble is... I don't fit in.

Like heavy black bin-bags to empty or
Like muddy balls and boots when adults shout
Like rinsed milk bottles lined up at the door.
The trouble is... I am left out.

But unlike jigsaw pieces, plugs or key
And all those other things I mentioned there
I'm not an object. I can think and see.
The trouble is... I just don't care.

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Let No One Steal Your Dreams

by Paul Cookson

Let no one steal your dreams
Let no one tear apart
The burning of ambition
That fires the drive inside your heart.

Let no one steal your dreams
Let no one tell you that you can't
Let no one hold your back
Let no one tell you that you won't.

Set your sights and keep them fixed
Set your sights on high
Let no one steal your dreams
Your only limit is the sky.

Let no one steal your dreams
Follow your heart
Follow your soul
For only when you follow them
Will you feel truly whole.

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