

Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF)
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Choice A

My Hands

by Jo Peters

Think of all my hands can do,
pick up a pin and do up a shoe,
they can help, they can hurt too,
or paint a summer sky bright blue.

They can throw and they can catch
They clap the team that wins the match.
If I'm rough my hands can scratch
If I'm rude my hands can snatch.

Gently, gently they can stroke,
Carefully carry a glass of Coke,
Tickle my best friend for a joke,
But I won't let them nip and poke.

My hands give and my hands take.
With Gran they bake a yummy cake.
They can mend but they can break.
Think of music hands can make.

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Choice B

Help, Diary!

by Jill Townsend

Tuesday the seventh. Can't let on
I'm scared about that bully, John,
who twists my arm to make me do
 whatever he wants me to
 and if I don't do what he says
 he'll get his older brother, Les,
to beat me up - him and his friends -
 one evening after school ends.

I've seen them on my way to school
 in the subway looking cool
 except when a police car's near
 and then they seem to disappear.
 They're trouble.
 I can't even sleep.
Don't want to end up in a heap.
Nor looking a wimp in front of Dad
But doing what John wants is bad.

Although I don't know what to do,
 it helps a bit to write in you.