

N5 – Solo Verse Speaking, Open (Age 10)

Missing Important Things

By Peter Dixon

I didn't go to school this week

I stayed at home with Dad.

I didn't do a worksheet

and I am really rather glad.

I didn't do the number work,

I didn't do my words,

I didn't learn my spellings

and I didn't read my page.

I didn't go to school, today –

we fixed the shed instead,

tied some flies and feathers

and dug the onion bed.

I saw the cat have kittens,

I climbed right up a tree,

mixed some sand and water

and held a bumblebee.

I didn't go to school all week

and I'm really not too sad –

I missed important lessons

and stayed at home with Dad.

N6 – Solo Verse Speaking, Open (Age 11)

Missing

By Mike Johnson

Missing: our
one and only planet,
known to her friends as
‘Earth’.

Yes, an old photograph
when she was clothed in
gorgeous greens,
wilderness white,
brilliant blues.

Somehow, got into
bad company:
blistered brown,
gaunt grey,
faded. Jaded,

left one morning;
no forwarding address.

We just didn’t think...
We just didn’t know...
what to do

If you
have any information
that can help us trace
our beautiful planet,
please get in touch.

Please get in touch.

N7 – Solo Verse Speaking, Open (Age 12)

Sorry Sorry Sorry

By James Carter

Sorry, I wasn't listening
to a single you said
I drifted off into the mist
that grew inside my head

Sorry, I wasn't listening
I didn't hear a sound:
I went where dreams of dreams have dreams
and sky and ground swap round

Sorry, I wasn't listening
aliens were at the door
asking for directions
to the planet XR4

Sorry, I wasn't listening
some pirates came for me
first I had to walk the plank
and then I made them tea

Sorry – I wasn't listening
I don't know what went on
could you say it one more time –
hang on – where've you gone?