



## ***Introduction***

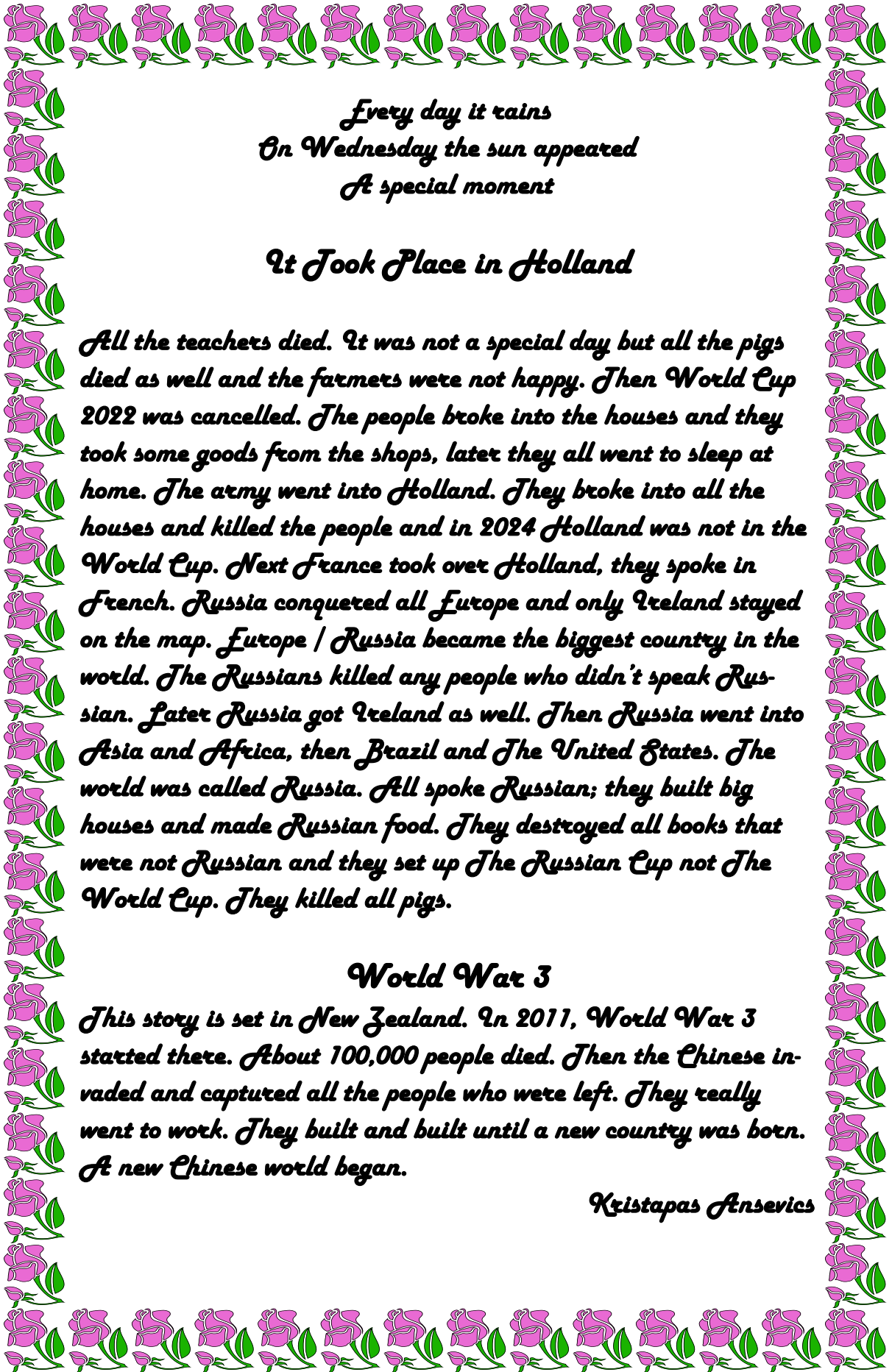
***This anthology "The Ongoing Wall in the Bog" is the result of a series of workshops in which the students of St. Louis, Kiltimagh explored themes such as place and personal experience using the genres of Mini Saga, Flash Fiction and Haiku. It was an enriching experience for all concerned.***

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*Every day it rains  
On Wednesday the sun appeared  
At special moment*

### *It Took Place in Holland*

*All the teachers died. It was not a special day but all the pigs died as well and the farmers were not happy. Then World Cup 2022 was cancelled. The people broke into the houses and they took some goods from the shops, later they all went to sleep at home. The army went into Holland. They broke into all the houses and killed the people and in 2024 Holland was not in the World Cup. Next France took over Holland, they spoke in French. Russia conquered all Europe and only Ireland stayed on the map. Europe / Russia became the biggest country in the world. The Russians killed any people who didn't speak Russian. Later Russia got Ireland as well. Then Russia went into Asia and Africa, then Brazil and The United States. The world was called Russia. All spoke Russian; they built big houses and made Russian food. They destroyed all books that were not Russian and they set up The Russian Cup not The World Cup. They killed all pigs.*

### *World War 3*

*This story is set in New Zealand. In 2011, World War 3 started there. About 100,000 people died. Then the Chinese invaded and captured all the people who were left. They really went to work. They built and built until a new country was born. A new Chinese world began.*

*Kristapas Ansevics*



### *Three Foxes in the Moonlight*

*We were on our summer holidays, late at night, and I was going to bed. In the bushes outside the window I could see three foxes, playing and messing. They walked around the house; I think it was a cool feeling. I would say they were looking for food. The moon was shining bright and I could see clearly. When I looked out again they just went away into the bushes. I felt really happy.*

### *Dreaming Blue Dog*

*Fluffy blue dog, soft but mean. There it stood in the corner of the wall staring at me. I was screaming, panicked, out of control. I was still screaming when my mam walked in with one arm missing. Thankfully I was dreaming. It was that dog that I saw yesterday.*

*The lighthouse is bright  
All the waves crash into it  
When the boat comes in.*

*Lisa Coen*

## *The Hairy Thing*

*Hey you! What was that?*

*I looked around but there was nothing there.*

*Then there was a movement.*

*It was hairy and smelly.*

*I ran to the press and got a pair of scissors.*

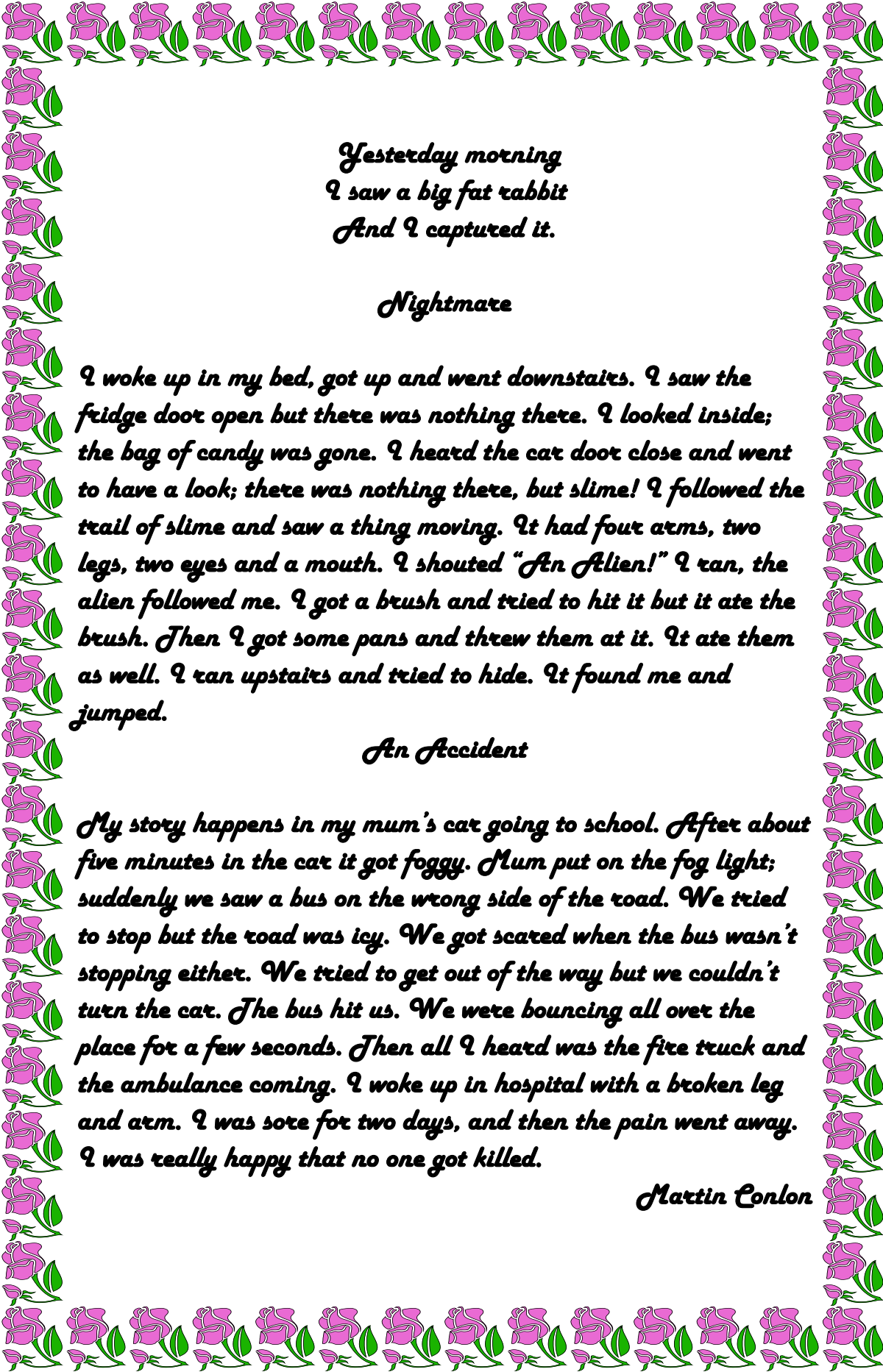
*Then I chased it.*

*I caught it.*

*I started cutting.*

*After all it was my granddad.*





*Yesterday morning  
I saw a big fat rabbit  
And I captured it.*

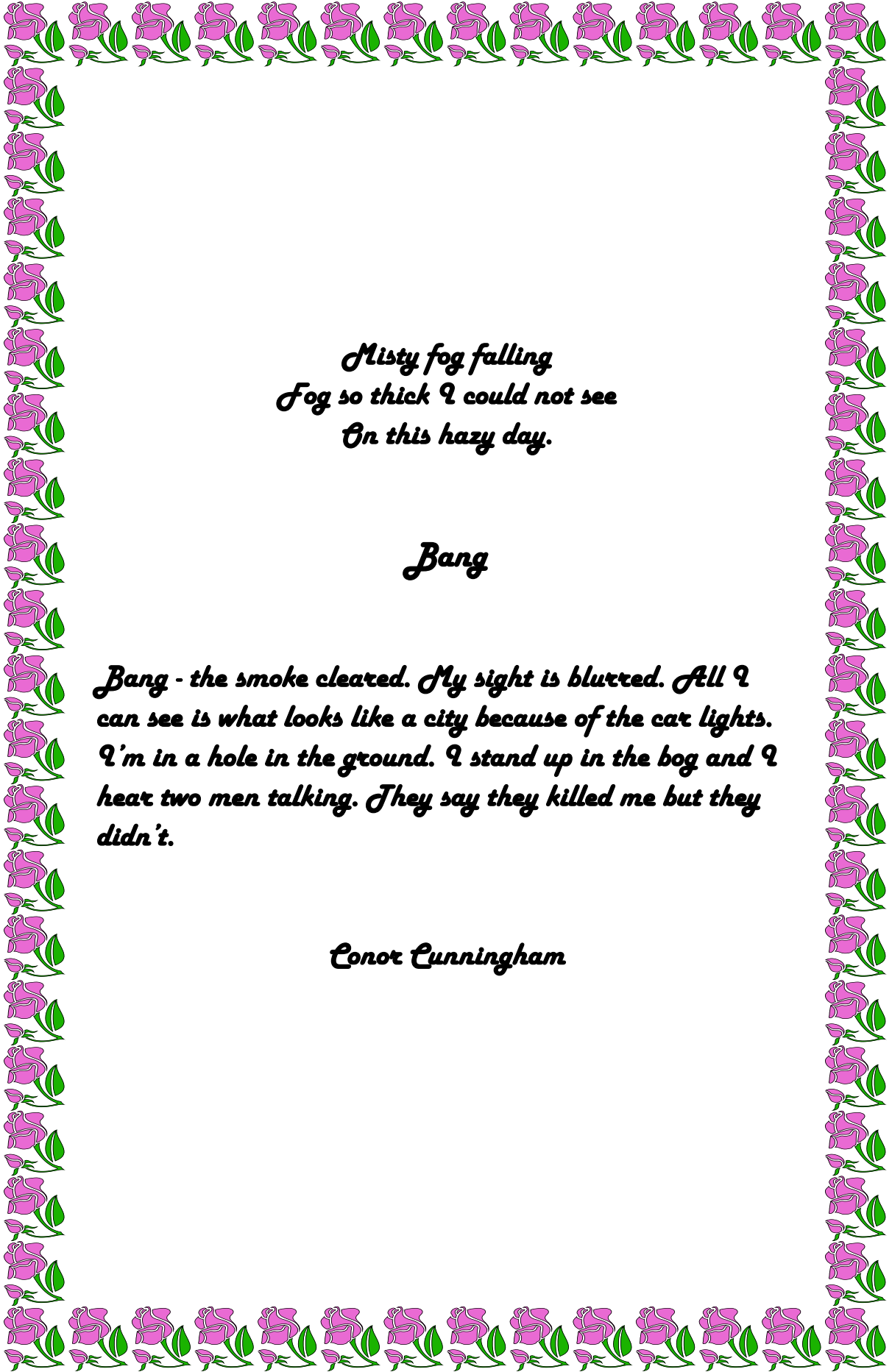
### *Nightmare*

*I woke up in my bed, got up and went downstairs. I saw the fridge door open but there was nothing there. I looked inside; the bag of candy was gone. I heard the cat door close and went to have a look; there was nothing there, but slime! I followed the trail of slime and saw a thing moving. It had four arms, two legs, two eyes and a mouth. I shouted "An Alien!" I ran, the alien followed me. I got a brush and tried to hit it but it ate the brush. Then I got some pans and threw them at it. It ate them as well. I ran upstairs and tried to hide. It found me and jumped.*

### *An Accident*

*My story happens in my mum's car going to school. After about five minutes in the car it got foggy. Mum put on the fog light; suddenly we saw a bus on the wrong side of the road. We tried to stop but the road was icy. We got scared when the bus wasn't stopping either. We tried to get out of the way but we couldn't turn the car. The bus hit us. We were bouncing all over the place for a few seconds. Then all I heard was the fire truck and the ambulance coming. I woke up in hospital with a broken leg and arm. I was sore for two days, and then the pain went away. I was really happy that no one got killed.*

*Martin Conlon*



*Misty fog falling  
Fog so thick I could not see  
On this hazy day.*

*Bang*

*Bang - the smoke cleared. My sight is blurred. All I  
can see is what looks like a city because of the car lights.  
I'm in a hole in the ground. I stand up in the bog and I  
hear two men talking. They say they killed me but they  
didn't.*

*Conor Cunningham*



## *The Turning Sky*

*I walked out the door. I looked up in the sky  
and it was turning; the sky was grey, red and all colours  
spinning around. It was so cool and colourful. I asked my  
friend to look up and he saw what it was like but  
then it got dark.*

## *First Year*

*When I came to first year I did not know what to do.  
There were a lot of people that I did not know but there  
is no one in my year that I don't know now. I am happy in  
this school*

*There was a nice tree  
With green and brown leaves on it  
Which I lived next to.*

## *The Runaway*

*It was morning. I did not know where I was. I went outside  
and robbed the car outside my house. It was my mum's car. I  
crashed it into a wall. I was hurt. I wanted to get out of this  
place.*

*I walked up and down the street to think of something to do.  
Up and down I went six or seven times but then I saw a magic  
dog. I went to the moon.  
Thank God the dog could fly.*

*Michael Doyle*

*There was a squirrel  
Up on a tree eating nuts  
Hiding behind leaves*

### *The Walk of Kill*

*I was walking down the road and I saw sixty-four  
people on the ground dead. I was stunned, my legs were  
like jelly. I ran and got the Gardai, they said if I went  
one more step I would have died. Those dead people went  
six steps, I went five.*

### *A Sense of Place*

*I was in the classroom. We were reading "The Boy in  
the Striped Pyjamas" and I learned about the Jews -  
that so many got gassed. It was so, so bad what Hitler  
did to them.*



*Jim Doyle*



## *My Story*

*A*

*I was playing football in school when I fell and broke my arm three years ago. I got slide tackled and fell on it. I had a cast for six weeks. I felt happy when I got it off. I could not play football for three weeks. I had a support on my hand for three weeks. I could play football when six weeks were up. I was so happy to not have a support.*

## *The Bomb*

*I was building a shed when I saw an atomic bomb. I rang the police. They rang the bomb squad and they rang the army. When the army came they said to dig around it, to lift it out and to put it on a truck to take it away.*

*Snow fell heavily  
On the roads around the towns  
What a scary sight*

*Christopher Guinnelly*



## *The Fox*

*My cousin and I went for a walk in the forest in the day-time. We were running after my dog. It was dark so it was hard to see. We stopped for a second. We turned around and we saw a fox standing on top of a tree that has fallen down. The sunlight was shining down on the fox. I was surprised and happy*

*Every single year.  
I meet mates in Killarney  
We have lots of fun!!*

## *Bang!!*

*Bang! What did I hit? I get out of the car. I trip.  
Ouch! I hit my head. Blaring lights come around the corner. I finally stand. I go to the car and turn on the lights. I see a dog. I hit him. I pick him up. He's dead.*

*Aoife Kelly*



### *A sense of place*

*My friend and I went for a long walk in the forest. It was dark and cold and we were running. We were following her dog and my friend fell over a log and it was funny. She got up and stormed off, her and her horrid ugly little dog.*

*This Monday morning  
I ate my breakfast in bed  
Then I went to school*

### *Cloud*

*I saw a cloud today and it was black. Then I saw a face on the cloud. The cloud fell on the dog and the dog ate it. The dog ran away. The dog fell, and then the cloud came out of the dog.*

*The cloud came out of the dog and it looked so red and mad.*

*The cloud attacked my dog and my family. I ran out of the house. The cloud ate me.*

*Megan Leadbetter*

*On Monday morning  
I fell asleep at my desk  
I had a great dream*



### *My Band*

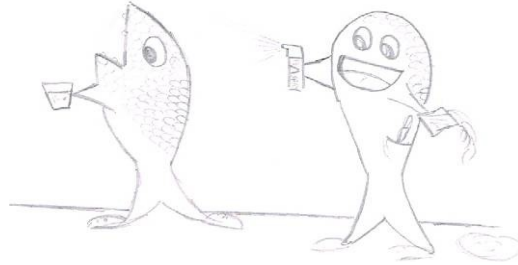
*Our band started in August 2009. Our first gig was in The Goat Tavern in October. We played "Smoke in the Water" by Deep Purple. We have played over thirteen gigs. Our last gig was in the J.F. in Castlebar. There are four in my band. I play lead guitar.*

### *My Music*

*I started playing music at a young age. I was about six years old when I started playing piano. I recently stopped because I lost interest in it. I started playing guitar at the age of eight. I've been playing guitar for five years now and I love it. I also have a band called Metro-nome. I taught myself to play guitar and tin whistle. When I leave school I want to be a Wood Technology teacher and part-time musician.*

*James Maguire*

## *Fish and Me*



*I suddenly woke up.....in a cell! Last night was a blank. I asked the guard what had happened. He said they had arrested me for killing a fish I met at a bar. I rang my lawyer and we thought up a plan to bust me out. He told me what had happened. Supposedly I went to the bar, saw the drunken fish, went up behind him with a pepper spray and took him back to my house. There I killed the fish. Dead fish*

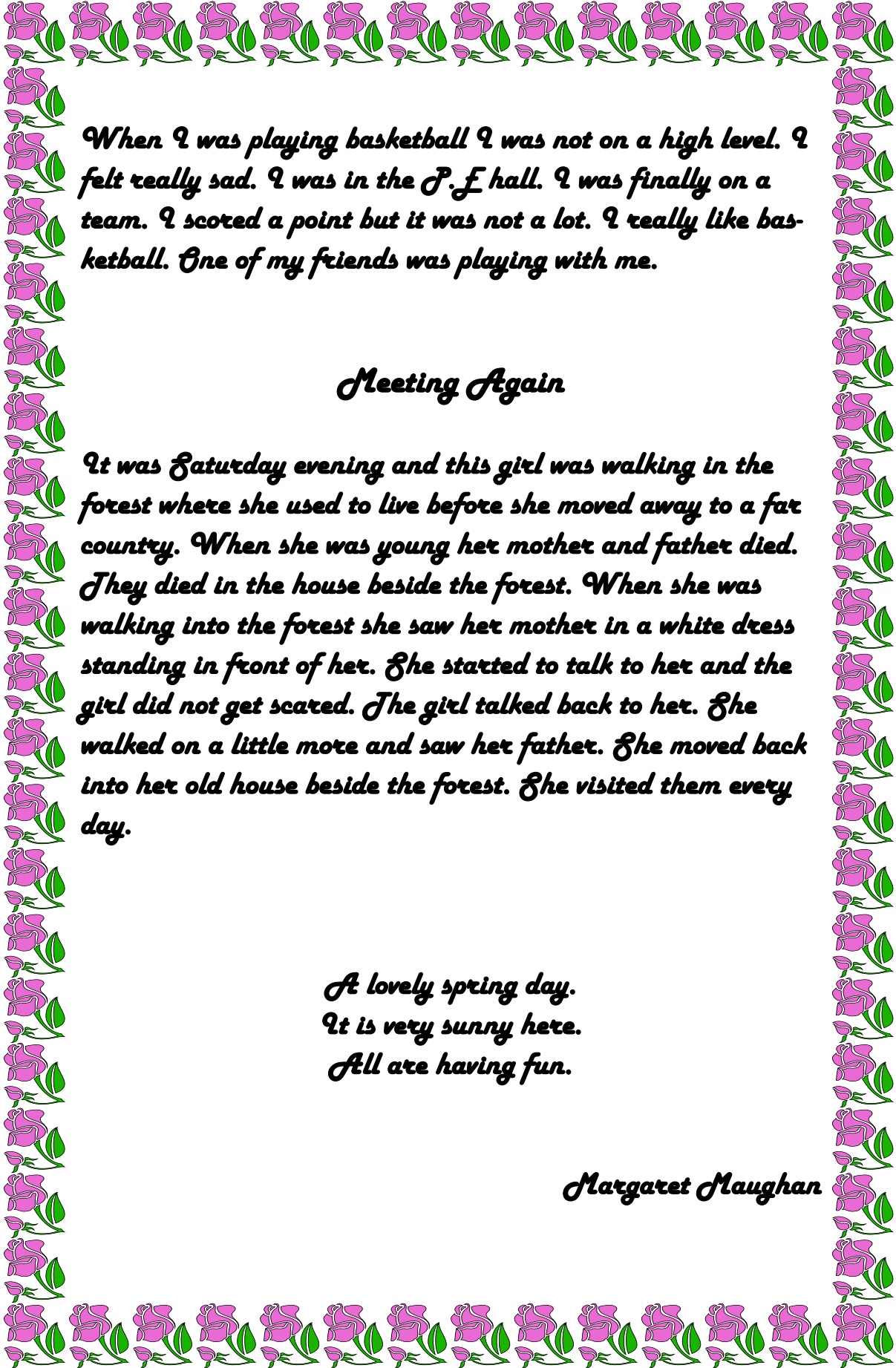
## *Little Kitten*

*The little kitten was black and brown and pretty. One day she had a fight with her friend Milly. She went on a drunken rampage but when she came to a railway tracks she passed out cold on the line. A fast train came; the kitten never woke up again.*



*Our town on Sunday  
Is full of noise and people  
A happy picture*

*Cormac Manley*



*When I was playing basketball I was not on a high level. I felt really sad. I was in the P.F hall. I was finally on a team. I scored a point but it was not a lot. I really like basketball. One of my friends was playing with me.*

### *Meeting Again*

*It was Saturday evening and this girl was walking in the forest where she used to live before she moved away to a far country. When she was young her mother and father died. They died in the house beside the forest. When she was walking into the forest she saw her mother in a white dress standing in front of her. She started to talk to her and the girl did not get scared. The girl talked back to her. She walked on a little more and saw her father. She moved back into her old house beside the forest. She visited them every day.*

*It lovely spring day.  
It is very sunny here.  
All are having fun.*

*Margaret Maughan*



## *Late Again*

*Late again, run and I won't be late. I am too lazy to run. If I am late I'll get detention with Doyle. I hate old Doyle. He's cross and smelly. He picks his nose and sleeps all day long. He likes Ms. Kelly, but she thinks he is smelly.*

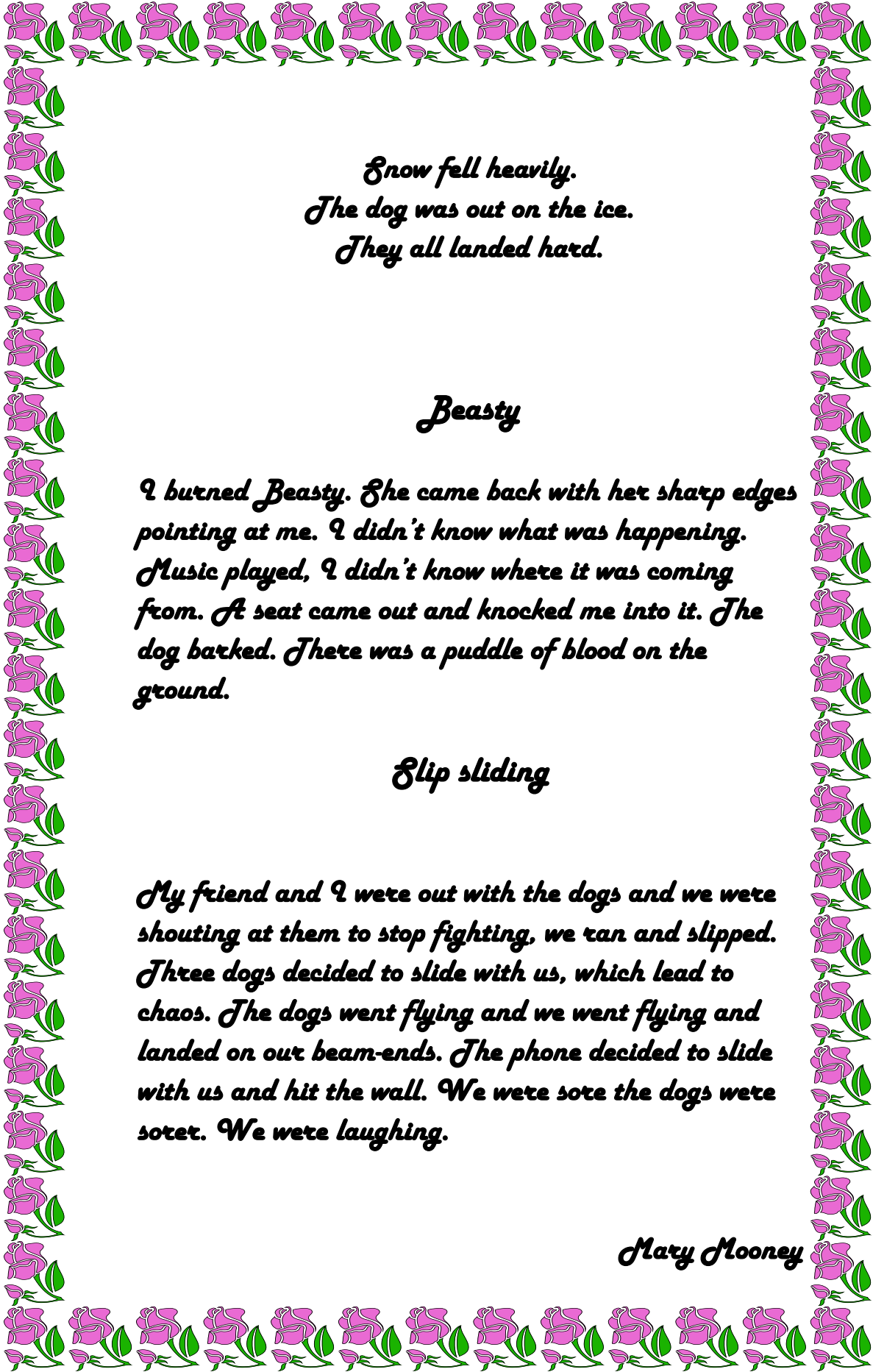
*Sixteen young foxes  
All with white tips on their tails  
On the high meadow.*

*There were sixteen foxes  
All with white tips on their tails  
It was beautiful.*

## *Crashing into Poles*

*A Chinese man crashed into a pole. He went to the doctor and the doctor asked how he got injured. The Chinese man said he had seen a rare red-headed man and forgot that he was driving. The doctor took off his cap and he had ginger hair. The doctor beat the man up for calling gingers rare. The Chinese man went to the hospital and all the doctors were ginger - The Chinese man died.*

*Jonathan McGowan*



*Snow fell heavily.  
The dog was out on the ice.  
They all landed hard.*

### *Beasty*

*I burned Beasty. She came back with her sharp edges pointing at me. I didn't know what was happening. Music played, I didn't know where it was coming from. A seat came out and knocked me into it. The dog barked. There was a puddle of blood on the ground.*

### *Slip sliding*

*My friend and I were out with the dogs and we were shouting at them to stop fighting, we ran and slipped. Three dogs decided to slide with us, which lead to chaos. The dogs went flying and we went flying and landed on our beam-ends. The phone decided to slide with us and hit the wall. We were sore the dogs were sorer. We were laughing.*

*Mary Mooney*



## *Summer*

*The beach was very hot  
The people were in the sea  
Then we had ice-cream*

## *Chaos with Dogs*

*My friend and I went skating on our driveway.  
Three dogs decided to slide with us which led to chaos.  
The dogs went flying, we went flying and landed hard on  
our beam ends.  
The phone went flying out of my pocket zoom and hit the  
walls of the house.*

## *The Fluffy Blue Monster*

*The big fluffy blue monster came into my room where I  
was putting the baby down. Boom it came closer to me. I  
was really scared, the baby started crying, boom it came  
closer. He grabbed the baby off me. I screamed. The  
monster ran outside. "Come back here, you ugly looking  
thing," I screamed. The baby was tossed in the boot. I  
screamed, "Let her go!" The monster saw he had a flat  
tire. He handed himself in at the police station. I got my  
baby back.*

*Leah Nolan*



## *The Strawberry Blue Tea*

*Mother screamed, "Where is the tea?" No tea. Not even in the bleeding cupboards. I took strawberries, blue play dough and beans mashing them together like jelly. Mother was screaming for tea. Adding hot water it turned strawberry blue. Rushing to my destination half spilled. Her hair turned strawberry blue.*

## *My Story*

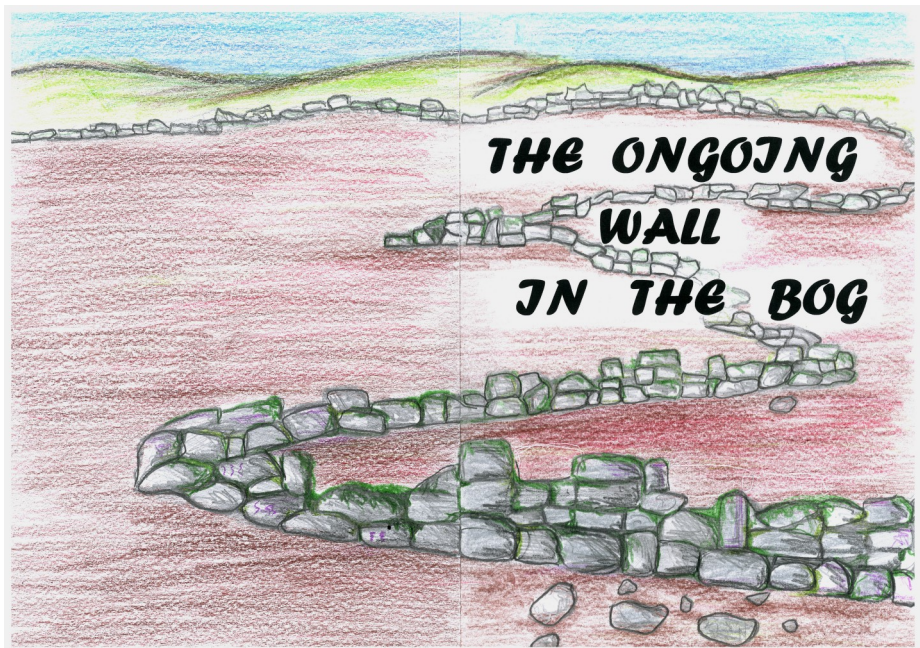
*My cousin and I looked over at the trees. We had to climb them. There were a lot of branches. We eventually got half way and were about to go up another branch when we saw a nest. There were four eggs in it. They were starting to hatch. The big bird came back and helped to crack the eggs. The chicks eventually got out. They had no feathers just orange beaks. I felt amazed, full of wonder.*

*The sun is shiny  
On the hills of Qultibo.  
A special moment.*

## *The Ongoing Wall in the Bog!*

*I was bringing in turf from the bog. I tried to take a short cut home with the sack of turf. There was a wall right in the middle of the bog. I would have to go the long way home if I did not find a way over it or a way to knock it down. It stretched as far as the eye could see. I eventually found a log. I stuck it in a crack in the wall and pushed. The log cracked and smashed. I got an even bigger log. I stuck it in the crack. The wall shook like an earthquake. It all fell – just rubble and cement as far as the eye could see.*

*Paul O'Brien*



## *Fish and Guinness*

*I woke up in the morning sleeping on the kitchen table with a six foot fish lying beside me. I was in such a state of shock, I started hugging it and realised it was real. I didn't know what to do. It had the dog bowl beside it and it was drinking Guinness out of it. I ran upstairs and got my mother. We were both scared and shocked so I got the knife and stabbed it and we ate it for dinner.*

*Stephen O'Connor*





## *Bad Day*

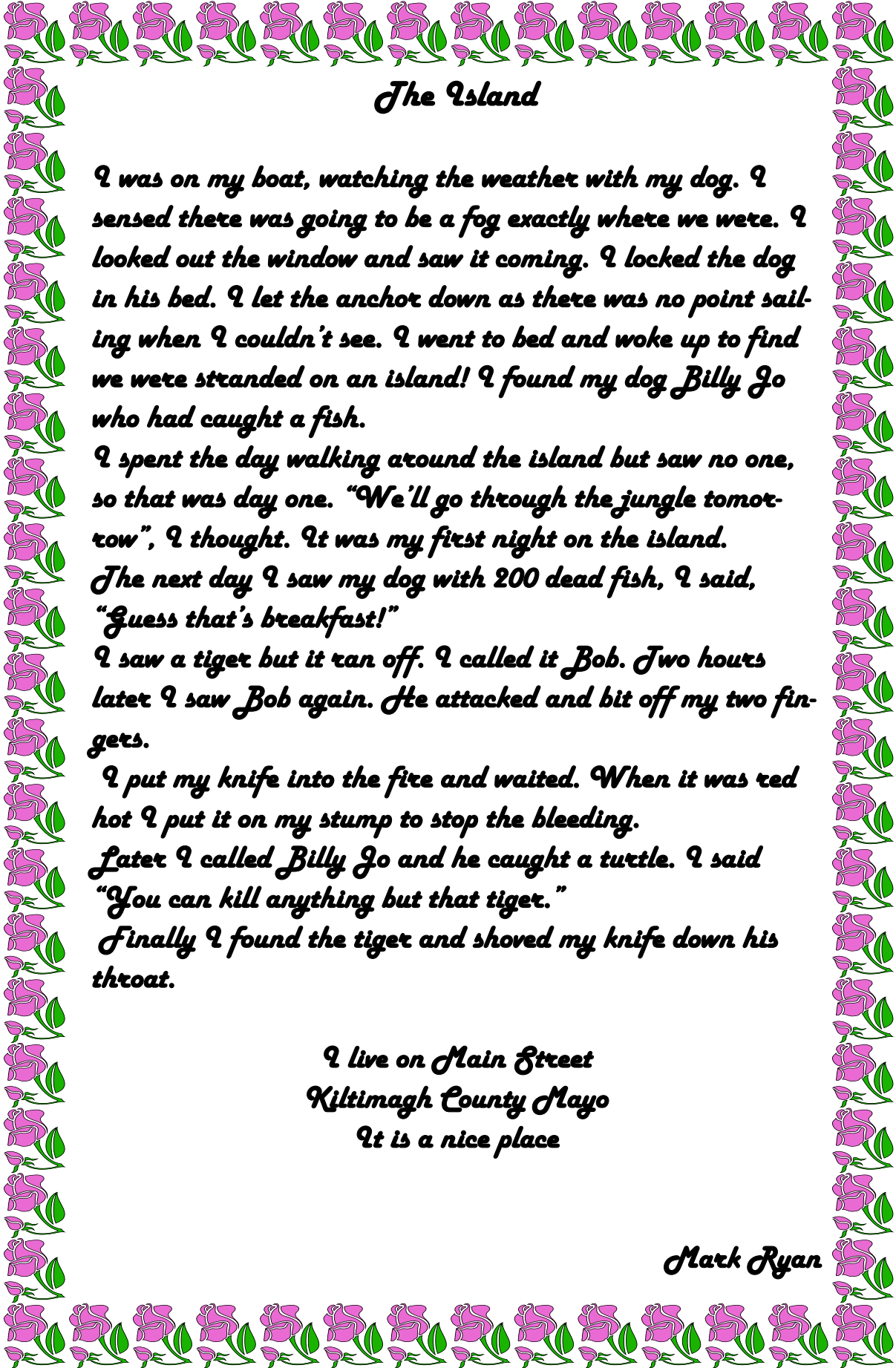
*I was so happy that day. I got started for the Kiltimagh v Moy Davits match playing for Kiltimagh. I was playing in midfield. It was the second half, I was playing so badly. The ball was coming down the field to our goal. Conor went up for it but I stupidly hit it out of his hands and it went over the bar. That was it. The manger took me off. I was so mad at myself. So was he.*

## *The Melting Giant*

*A giant was walking home from a festival and started shouting at the sun saying "Why do you have to be so fat and bright?" The sun didn't take it very well so it said, "I will melt you so stop saying bad things about me." The giant melted quickly.*

*A wonderful day  
The cat is in the bushes  
Fat cat in deep sleep*

*Conor O'Reilly*



## *The Island*

*I was on my boat, watching the weather with my dog. I sensed there was going to be a fog exactly where we were. I looked out the window and saw it coming. I locked the dog in his bed. I let the anchor down as there was no point sailing when I couldn't see. I went to bed and woke up to find we were stranded on an island! I found my dog Billy Jo who had caught a fish.*

*I spent the day walking around the island but saw no one, so that was day one. "We'll go through the jungle tomorrow", I thought. It was my first night on the island.*

*The next day I saw my dog with 200 dead fish, I said, "Guess that's breakfast!"*

*I saw a tiger but it ran off. I called it Bob. Two hours later I saw Bob again. He attacked and bit off my two fingers.*

*I put my knife into the fire and waited. When it was red hot I put it on my stump to stop the bleeding.*

*Later I called Billy Jo and he caught a turtle. I said "You can kill anything but that tiger."*

*Finally I found the tiger and shoved my knife down his throat.*

*I live on Main Street  
Kiltimagh County Mayo  
It is a nice place*

*Mark Ryan*



## *At Sense of Place*

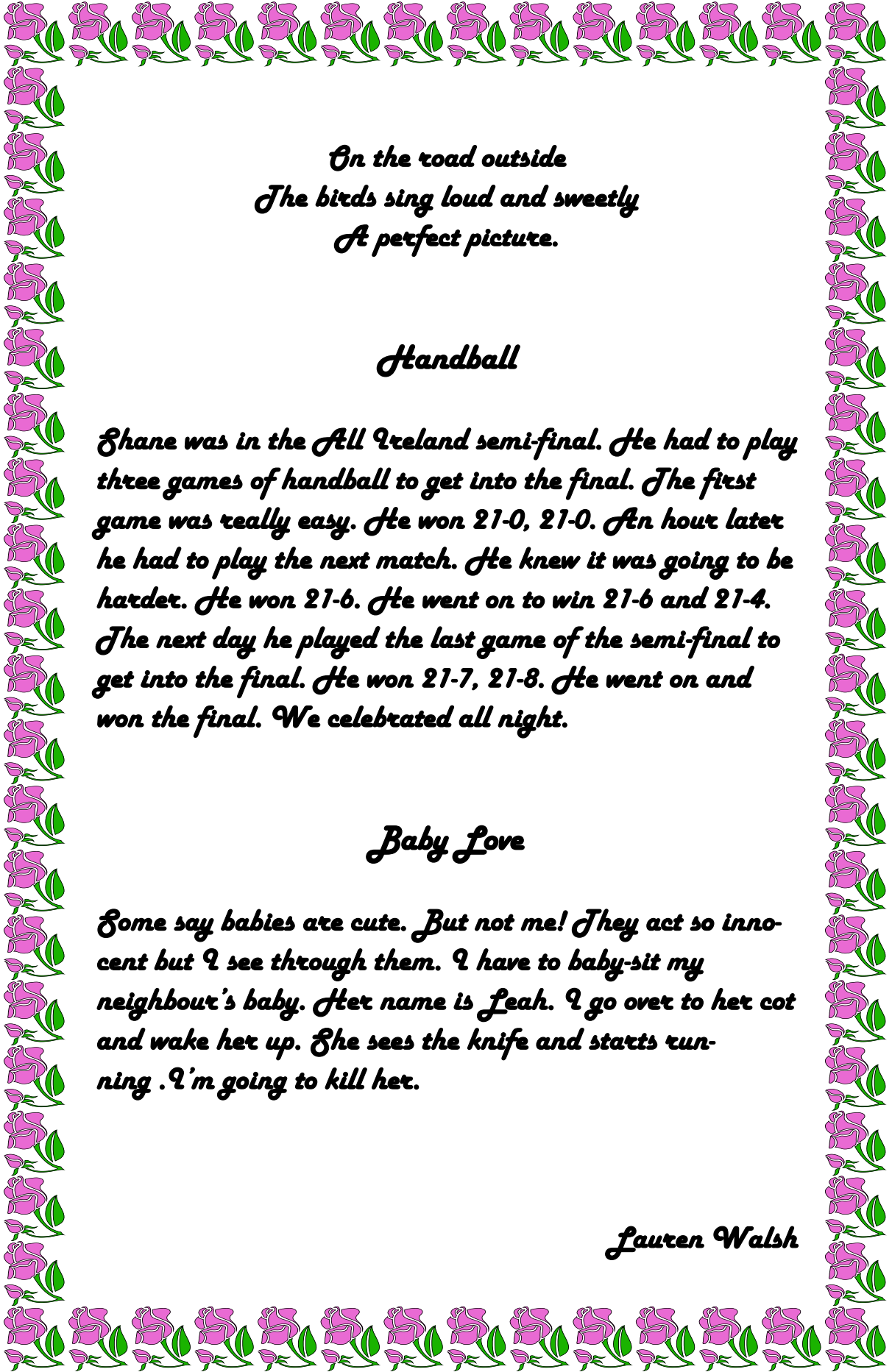
*We beat Moy Davitts, we demolished them! At the game both managers were giving out. The players were tired when the referee blew the whistle for a foul. One manager was happy, the other mad. Kiltimagh scored. We won by four points. They are rubbish and we are the best!*

*The sun was shining  
In the town of Kiltimagh  
At special moment*

## *Fish and Me*

*I woke up and I was lying beside a fish. I married the fish last night but don't remember doing it. The fish married my dog. He ate the dog. After that the fish tried to eat my family but he stopped because he was full. I took his bowl away from him and he went and killed some diners while they were eating their curry. A terrorist blew him up, I was happy he was gone.*

*Callum Jurtill*



*On the road outside  
The birds sing loud and sweetly  
A perfect picture.*

### *Handball*

*Shane was in the All Ireland semi-final. He had to play three games of handball to get into the final. The first game was really easy. He won 21-0, 21-0. An hour later he had to play the next match. He knew it was going to be harder. He won 21-6. He went on to win 21-6 and 21-4. The next day he played the last game of the semi-final to get into the final. He won 21-7, 21-8. He went on and won the final. We celebrated all night.*

### *Baby Love*

*Some say babies are cute. But not me! They act so innocent but I see through them. I have to baby-sit my neighbour's baby. Her name is Leah. I go over to her cot and wake her up. She sees the knife and starts running. I'm going to kill her.*

*Lauren Walsh*