

Category C – Individual Poem – Grades 7 & 8

Ashley Luo **“Golden Melodies”**

An intricate song,
Fabricated with the many sounds of delight,
Lyrics composed of gold,
Radiating to the waiting ears,
Around the world and across the oceans,
Like the bright sun,
Beaming in the light sky,
Spreading warmth to people everywhere,
Filling them with pleasure.
Melodies,
Songs trickle by,
Over green hills,
Down snow-capped mountainsides,
Weaving between branches,
In the sea of green leaves.
Melodies,
Rising from clear water,
Flowing over smooth pebbles,
Spilling into the vast blue oceans,
Waves lapping in tempo,
Crashing against the jagged rocks of the bay.
Melodies,
Emerging from brightly colored feathered throats,
Perched upon the trees,
Foliage rustling,
From the song of the breeze.
Melodies,
Jubilant notes riding on the wind,
Reverberating in the steep valleys,
Meandering to golden fields of wheat,
Swaying and dancing in unison,
To the joyful resonances.
Melodies,
Intertwined with the voices,
Of friends, family and neighbors,
To simply appreciate,
The gift of music,
Of the bliss it can bring,
Like opened presents on Christmas morning,
To young and old,
Rich and poor,
People of all ethnicities,
To rejoice together,
With the animals, plants and nature,
The golden melodies of joy.