

Hawaii from Sea

by Joey Dranetz

Inspired by "Crossing Kansas by Train" by
Donald Justice *

As you walk on deck
Seeing it
For the first time,
You spot the beauty
Of the forest
Crawling up the
Mountains
Which open
Into wide, lovely valleys,
Or the tide
Kissing the beach
Then retreating back
To the sea.
Welcome to Hawaii.
Even if this is
Your first visit
You are immediately
Part of the land.

Peace

by Tyler Gibson

Quiet
Still
Lying in the fresh morning grass
Tranquil
Hushed
Watching as the birds pass
Quick
Beautiful
During an early morning mass
Silent
Calm
While the river bass pass
Rest
Peace
—yes, this is peace

A Light in the Night

by Matt Carmines

Inspired by "Fueled" by Marcie Harris *

Energized
By thousands of lights in the sky,
The fireflies light the way
For the children walking through
The summer night.

Energized
By the light of their scales,
The fish guide the divers into the
Deep,
Dark,
Depths
Of the ocean.

Flowers

by Abigail Hunger

Quiet, meek, and humble
They never cause you to stumble

Sitting in flow'r pots
Some plain and some with spots

Some grow on the roadside
Rare ones are displayed with pride

Some are pressed to last awhile
Others provoke a smile

Prized by women when given by men
When everything's alright again

Oranges, purples, pinks, and blue
Old and wilting, fresh and new

I love flowers, don't you?