

# The Dictionary

By Elizabeth Pogrebniak

A hooting owl with a brain full of knowledge  
Perches on the bookshelf and prepares me for college  
I open its cover searching for a word  
Yes this is a clever bird

## The Puffin

By Luke Del Rio

Based on "Giraffes" by Sy Khan

Beaked, swimming creatures  
Basking in the arctic sun  
Finned and Flipper  
They dive into the frigid water diving and dashing  
On small webbed feet they hunt and mate  
With each passing day they grow more and more grotesque  
With their striped beak and short stubbed body  
They are not understood little fellers  
For if you will ever need a fish or two  
They just give a grin and dive in the ocean blue

## Loneliness and Me

By Marijke Boers

Loneliness and I are soul mates  
for we are destined to be  
when I am light and airy  
He is gravity  
He cradles Me with tears  
and shelters Me with storm  
He keeps Me cold when all is warm

He is the crow to my song  
for He is always calling  
follows Me each day  
in my shadow of many

for Loneliness and I are lovers  
I see the room as empty  
ut it's overflowing  
no one sees Him but me  
He is always there  
for I am always with lonely  
never parted

might as well be married  
though it 'gainst my will  
true, I dream to leave him  
but I never will

for He is truly obsessed  
how can I desert the one that loves  
me  
I don't have the strength to try

how can I hurt the one that loves  
me  
though They do it every day  
but I am not They  
for I am not as cold  
so I am not alone  
'cus my best friend is Lonely  
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