



The Write a Poem for This Photo Contest was the brainchild of Ted Harris, who loved the intersection of images and imagery.

The charming photograph illustrating the poems was taken by Dr. Anthony Shaw (AQA, University of Virginia, 1980) of Pasadena, California.

The winning poems in this year's contest are:

First prize: "Benevolent Instructions" by David R. Downs, MD.

Second prize: "Commencement" by David F. Dozier, Jr., MD.

Third prize: "Adolescent Choices" by H. J. Van Peenen, MD.

Benevolent Instructions

If I've told you once, I've told you twice
It's *this* way, Junior, to the ice.

David R. Downs, MD

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Commencement

I see him with his friend,
Describing sights he's just discovered.
I feel a father's pride
As he revels in his furry youth.
This is no time to tell him
Of the Orca, or the sea's
Potential rage and power.
I'll keep my distance,
Keep him safe by nudge
And praising, and let him feel
The buoyant joy of entering the water.
Soon enough he'll grow and hunt for food,
And huddle with the family
When the winter blizzards blast us.
For now, he rules his world,
But I'll be watching.

David F. Dozier, Jr., MD

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Adolescent Choices

Two friends are making up their minds.
To stay or go? How compromise if
Right wants out and Left wants stay?
Which one of them for both decides?

"That way," Right points a furry wing,
but Left is skeptical. He thinks
Right too impulsive, immature,
and leaving home so soon unwise.

The next frame of the film will show
them parting. Left will turn away,
the good son going back to mother.
(She's at the photo's edge, her head
embroidered yellow, white, and red.)

And Right the tempter, Right the other,
will waddle to the right to seek
whatever comes from being born
with an impulsive stubborn streak.

These two age mates, once hatched together,
once childhood friends and now half-grown,
part frostily to grow alone
into a harsh maturity.

One to warm eggs on frozen feet.
One be eaten by a seal.

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