

2014 MCC Creative Writing Contest

Poetry Category

Honorable Mention: “*Sweet Little Bird,*” by Melody Fracker

Sweet little bird, sing your song.

Sing your song proud and strong.

Don't stop singing even when people tell you you're wrong.

Sweet little bird, sing your song.

When the days are short and the nights are long.

Sweet little bird sing to the sky,

Sing to the moon, sing to the stars.

Especially when happy days seem far.

Sweet little bird keep singing your song.

Even when it's hard,

Sing your song to anyone who comes along.

Sweet little bird just sing.

Even when you have no song to sing,

Let your voice ring.

Sweet little bird, when you're lost,

Keep singing your song at all costs.

Sweet little bird, I know you feel alone

But keep singing your song

And one day you'll find someone who will sing along.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

The last line does a nice job of connection through relating to others. Overall, the poem is a good attempt at fighting back against the unfairness of life.

Jim Fatka served as judge for the 2014 contest. Mr. Fatka is a recently retired MCC English instructor who taught numerous writing and literature courses, including creative writing.