

WRITE NOW

2023 Write Now Hawkeye Haiku Contest

Honorable Mentions

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Grades 3 & 4 Honorable Mentions

Reading with my mom,
Playing with my big sister -
Snuggling with Dad

Taylor S., Iowa

we stick together
we are like birds and feathers
challenge brings us close

“People” by Brooks A., Iowa

Sister and brother
Always playing together
Loving to be friends

Eli J., Iowa

Stick like glue and tape
Together no matter what
Never fall apart

Kalia C., Iowa

Grades 5 & 6 Honorable Mentions

Crispy fall leaves drop,
Leaving skeletal remains,
Together they fall.

Aubrey D., Illinois

A moment of love
That brings happiness and joy
Is togetherness

Nora N., Iowa

Holding each other,
Hands in, shoulder to shoulder,
Our hearts intertwined.

“Heart to Heart” by Oceana Z., Iowa

Around the table,
and with each other at last.

All having a blast!

Aria W., Iowa

We look up in awe
The audience cheers for us
Together we'll rise

Ella T., Illinois

A cheerful soft glow
Lights my path when you're around
You and I as one

Kendall W., Iowa

Grades 7 & 8 Honorable Mentions

Steps combined into
an ever-changing movement–
together as one

“Dance” by Henley F., Kansas

eyes on conductor,
anticipating first cue.
then . . . bows move as one.

Shannon F., Iowa

With two, love burns fierce,
Red, like a scarlet bird’s wings
Together for life.

Morgan M., Iowa

Grades 9–12 Honorable Mentions

Worlds would be better
If we were together and
Loved each other well.

“Perfect Universe” by Daisy H., Iowa

Around the fire

We gather for fellowship

Flames flicker brightly

Casper N., Iowa

When something is wrong

We can count on our close friends

That’s togetherness

Allison M., Iowa

Together we fight

We fight for equality

We fight for our world.

Kinsey C., Iowa

Dirt stings in skinned knees,
Our browned cotton dresses snag,
you pull us along.

Marie S., Iowa

Adult, University of Iowa Alumni Honorable Mentions

One last raspy breath

Hands grasping for their soulmate

Together in peace

“At Last” by Jonathan Heaslet (70BA),
North Carolina

Two minds, one journey . . .
Eyes meet - Souls commune in tune
Hearts warmed, sparked by Love.

“Two” by Marcia Thoen (83MA), Minnesota

Snuggling little one.
Hair damp, teeth brushed, jammies on.
“More books?” “Time for bed.”

Amber Skoglund (09MA, 11MS), Iowa

Hand-sewn memories

Create a quilt across time--

Our soft legacy

Millie Kehrli (85BA), Iowa

Adult, Non-University of Iowa Alumni Honorable Mentions

adorned with roses
a path for you to follow
leading back to me.

“Limerence” by Caita Pierson, Iowa

Atop the tower
Children gaze upon thousands
We all wave as one

Michael Grassi, Iowa

Holding hands, we jump
Cool water rushes over
But we don't let go

Erica Seifried, Georgia

Trying to be brave
Waiting to hear the results
With you by my side

Ida Seifried, Georgia