

## 2019 DMPA Results

### Upper Primary

#### WINNER

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#### The Earth is in Good Hands

Earth is in good hands...  
It's not  
it's too late now.  
Don't tell me  
We can still save our earth  
We can take a step forward  
That we can still stop  
You know  
It's too late.  
They say  
We're getting there.  
You know  
It's a lie.  
We've gone too far.  
We can't stop now.  
Every day you hear how  
Animals are killed.  
Wildlife is burned.  
We need to take-action,  
We can't just hope.  
That's what they say...

Earth is dead.  
It's the end.

(now read from bottom to top)

#### **Judge Comment:**

I am in awe of this young poet, who has crafted a reverso that reads fluently both ways. The form is perfect for this topic – first portraying a bleak reality, then rereading it with shades of hope. Having attempted a number of reversos, and completed three, I fully appreciate and admire the skill that went into crafting this masterpiece.