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### Poetic Vision Sightings Logs

- 1) Rick and Dick Hoyt - YouTube Video
  - a) 9/2/13
  - b) Rick and Dick Hoyt both live very poetic lives. Although Rick is disabled, this just gives him more of a drive to succeed. Dick said he gets this unexplainable feeling when he helps Rick run. This feeling is one of the main parts of something being poetic. You can't see it or explain it, but you know it's there and it feels great.
- 2) John Challis (Courage + Believe = Life) - YouTube Video
  - a) 9/3/13
  - b) John Challis' condition is not poetic at all, but the way he has used this to take advantage of every minute he gets here on earth certainly is. I find John's sayings and quotes quite poetic. Courage + Believe = Life is certainly a poetic way of looking at life. If we have the courage to do something, and we believe in what we're doing, we are then truly living to the fullest. John does this every day, for he doesn't have many left, and we should treasure our days and live our lives to the fullest.
- 3) Lord of the Rings Quotes - "Worth Fighting For" - YouTube Video
  - a) 9/4/13
  - b) Sam explains to Mr. Frodo why they must keep fighting for what is right. Sam talks about the stories where darkness and danger are overpowering, but good always finds a way to win in the end. Darkness always passes through. A key part of poetry and the word poetic is good over evil. Sam says that the good in the world is "worth fighting for," and this is poetic because all things poetic fight for good. Poetry fights for the good in the world. It shows us there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. The miracle of life is poetic, and we fight for the good in our lives every day.
- 4) The Man with the Red Bandana - ESPN - YouTube Video/Sportscenter
  - a) 9/11/13
  - b) Welles is the true definition of a hero. A hero is someone who we look up to, who inspires us, who helps others before helping themselves, who makes an impact on the community, who serves God. Wells had an option during the ordeal on 9/11/01. He could have gone down the stairs, and saved himself, but he didn't. He had the courage and strength to go back up those many flights of stairs, and save more people. Courage is gift from God, and this is one of the reasons it is poetic. When such a tragedy is caused by humans, other, more pure of heart humans step up to the plate. Just the sheer thought of a tragedy bringing people together is poetic. I think that the people that saved lives during the 9/11 tragedy are more than heroes. They are legends. One of my

favorite movie quotes of all time is “Heroes get remembered, but legends never die.” People like Welles never die. They live in our hearts forever. Legends are people who we try to live up to but just can’t. Welles is definitely a legend. No matter how hard we try, we can’t live up to running up a burning building and saving 12 people. Even if the word poetic is unexplainable, the actions of people like Welles help us discover the definition for ourselves.

5) The Pale Blue Dot - Photograph

a) 9/16/13

b) In 1990, the Voyager 1 took a photo of earth from 3.7 billion miles away as it left our solar system. The nickname of this photograph tells us exactly what earth looks like in this picture: a pale, blue dot and nothing more really. Just seeing this image makes us take a step back, and rethink our lives. This is a breathtaking picture, not for it’s beauty, but for the messages it contains. As humans, we live very busy lives filled with school, work, business, politics, relationships, religion, etc, yet we see this picture and realize that we are nothing in the grand scheme of things. We are but a tiny speck of dust, on this pale blue dot in a sea of darkness. We can interpret this picture two ways. The first is the view that we are nothing but a pale blue dot, and our lives are meaningless. We are an evil species on a tiny planet and we have no purpose in the universe. Another way to look at it is that we are a beacon of hope in this sea of darkness that is the universe. In an almost pitch black picture, we see a tiny speck of light: Earth. Maybe there is hope. Maybe we do have a purpose. The fact that this picture is so simple yet has so much meaning is very poetic. Poetry is all about interpretation. We each have different perspectives on life, and this picture brings out many different interpretations of what it means to be human.

6) Spirit Week Fall 2013

a) 9/17/13

b) Jesuit High School, full of stressed out, hard-working students, comes together as one brotherhood to enjoy each other’s company and relax.

7) “One Train May Hide Another” by Kenneth Koch - Poem

a) 9/18/13

b) This poem is about things that are hidden by another. We do not know we are there because we cannot see them, but they are there, and they affect us. God wants us to believe without seeing, and this is a very tough concept for humans, because it is so natural for us to rely on eyesight to understand our world. It is poetic that some people have the ability and courage to believe without seeing. While this poem gives very literal examples of one thing being hidden by another, I have a much more abstract interpretation.

8) Holy Bowl - Jesuit vs. Christian Brothers - Football Game

a) 9/21/13

- b) There is something poetic about the fact that two separate sides can come together and hate each other for one night: the night of Holy Bowl. Jesuit unites as one school to support the football team as they beat up on CB. Our friends that go to CB are dead to us for one night. We link arms and cheer as loud as we can for the team we know will win. Winning is poetic. It is a sign of superiority, and respect. Winning humbly is even more poetic. We win, but we do not rub it in...too much. In the end, it is just a game, and the class of sportsmanship shows many traits of being poetic.
- 9) You Begin - Margaret Atwood - Poem
- a) 9/23/13
  - b) This poem shows the poetic journey of a person as he or she goes from small, innocent child with a simple mind to an old person with wisdom and a completely different view of the world. It all ends up back at the child, and the cycle restarts. The human cycle of life is poetic, and it shows that new, innocent things always grow up to be complex, wise beings.
- 10) A Baby Cousin is Born - Joseph Francisco Srabian
- a) 9/23/14
  - b) Today, I got a new baby cousin. New life is a gift from God, and it is very poetic. New children are wondrous gifts, because they have so much potential to do great things and live poetic lives. I am very excited to have a new cousin.
- 11) Grandpa's 70th Birthday
- a) 9/26/13
  - b) My grandpa turned 70 today, a huge milestone. It makes me take a step back and realize that my grandpa won't be here forever, and I need to cherish him while I can (in the last 30 years of his life :). It is poetic how wise and knowledgeable one becomes with age, and it is very fun to talk to my grandpa about different things. This milestone makes me realize I need to cherish talking to him more.
- 12) Jesuit Homecoming
- a) 9/28/13
  - b) For one night, we set aside our worries and leave everything behind as we dance with our friends and just have fun. We can finally clear our minds of everything and just have fun.
- 13) The Hospital Window - YouTube Video
- a) 9/30/13
  - b) This video is about a blind man and his friend in a hospital room. The friend describes the beautiful scenes going on in the park below the window with vivid detail so the blind man can picture everything. The friend goes off to surgery, but doesn't make it through. The blind man is sad, and asks the nurse to describe what she sees out the window. She opens the window, and there is just a brick wall. The blind man just chuckles when he hears this. This video is very moving, and very poetic. The man describing the scene

outside is living a very poetic life. He does not know if he will make it through surgery, but he does his best to live his last hours well and give the blind man something to smile about.

14) Government Shutdown (unpoetic)

- a) 9/30/13
- b) The possibility of a government shutdown is very unpoetic. The millions of people whose pay will be suspended is crazy, all because two sides can't compromise at the capitol. Almost a million salaries will be suspended, and tons of parks, including the Smithsonian Institutes, will close indefinitely.

15) Magazine Sale - 100% participation

- a) 10/3/13
- b) Selling magazines might not be that poetic, but it's certainly poetic when a class works together for a common goal. It is hard to get 100% of the class to sell magazines, but when we work together and we all pitch in a little, we can make it happen. When we can do this 3 weeks in a row, it's even more amazing.

16) Meeting My New Baby Cousin

- a) 10/3/13
- b) Meeting my new baby cousin, Joseph, was amazing. Over the years, I have forgotten how special and how precious newborns are with their tiny little fingers and curious little eyes. New human life is beautiful and poetic, and holding my new cousin for the first time is an experience I don't want to ever forget.

17) Mass of the North American Martyrs

- a) 10/4/13
- b) Giving up your life for God is very tough, and it takes a lot of courage. The things the North American Martyrs went through are not what we would want for us, but it is poetic how they had the courage and trust in God to make the ultimate sacrifice for him.

18) Volleyball Tournament - Moving up 8 spots in the rankings

- a) 10/6/13
- b) It's great when a team can come together to connect with each other and reach a common goal. Moving up 8 spots in the rankings in just one day is no easy feat, but we came together as a team to get it done.

19) Finding a Lost Dog - Lucy

- a) 10/6/13
- b) When we lost our neighbor's dog Lucy, we were shocked and tried hard to get her back. When we finally found her, it was both a huge relief and blessing. Reuniting a lost dog with its family is poetic and beautiful.

20) The Death of Adrian Peterson's Son (unpoetic)

- a) 10/11/13
- b) There is too much evil in this world, and it is very unpoetic. We see examples of this

every day, but today was an appalling and outrageous example. When Adrian Peterson's two year old son was beaten to death by the boy's mother's boyfriend, the whole nation was shocked and stunned. It is unpoetic when such horrible people do such horrible things, but it is poetic how Adrian Peterson has handled so much adversity in his life. The list of painful events in his life never ends, yet he still manages to be one of the best running backs in the NFL.

21) *The Great Santini* - The Death of Bull Meecham

a) 10/11/13

b) In Pat Conroy's *The Great Santini*, Bull Meecham sacrificially crashes his plane outside of the populated town. Bull's plane catches on fire, and he decides to crash near the river, sacrificing his own life, rather than land on the suburban streets, endangering the lives of civilians and their kids. This is the ultimate sacrifice, and it is poetic that he had such bravery as to make this sacrifice.

22) Once Upon a Mattress - St. Francis Musical

a) 10/12/13

b) Once Upon a Mattress is poetic because it shows that love will always find a way no matter what obstacles stand in its path. When a mother doesn't want her son to get married, she goes to great lengths to prevent it from happening. But love finds a way, and her son gets married to the girl of his dreams anyway.

23) A Word on Statistics - Wislawa Szymborska

a) 10/13/13

b) Although pure numbers are usually not poetic, this poem presents pure numbers in a poetic way. The way the author presents possibly her view of human nature and provides a wake up call to all humans that we are mortal and not perfect. It presents a challenge for us to live our lives handling our imperfections with grace.

24) AP Bio - We are gas tied together by water

a) 10/23/13

b) It is amazing to think that all we are as humans are gasses tied together by water. In the grand scheme of things, we mean so little. Can we create change if we are just gas? This is the challenge.

25) Holding my baby cousin again

a) 10/24/13

b) Today I held my cousin again, and his eyes were completely open. He was wide awake, and very inquisitive of his surroundings. He looked so curious, and his innocence was poetic. I don't remember my brothers when they were as small as him, and it is exciting to hold an infant again.

26) St. Francis Homecoming

a) 10/26/13

b) This was one of the best dances I've been to, and I found it poetic that everyone comes

together in one place to have fun. I certainly had fun, and I know others felt the same way. This was the last dance we will have for a while, and it was poetic in the way everyone took advantage of it and had a good time.

27) Gravity - Kowalski lets go forever

a) 10/27/13

b) In the movie *Gravity*, Matt Kowalski makes the ultimate sacrifice: his life. When he and Dr. Stone are hanging on to the ISS for dear life, Kowalski knows that inertia will not allow him to hold on to Stone's hand much longer without pulling her with him. He let's go knowing that he will eventually run out of oxygen and die in the cold depths of outer space. Has courage and faith in God. He believes that he will be in a better place when it is all over, and he overcomes any fear of death.

28) Gravity - Dr. Stone's vision and change of heart

a) 10/27/13

b) When Dr. Stone is stuck in an escape pod without any fuel, she knows she is going to die. She gives up and turns off her oxygen supply, but she has a vision of Kowalski which saves her. She wakes up, turns on the oxygen, and finds determination to get home somehow. This courage, determination, and perseverance is very poetic.

29) Halloween

a) 10/31/13

b) It is poetic how creative people become just for the one night of the year that is Halloween. I saw many creative costumes tonight. It is also poetic how people invite strangers to their doors to give them candy. If I were a foreigner looking in on this tradition, I have no clue what I would think. It's amazing that a whole country unites to keep this tradition going every year.

30) Safari West for My Grandpa's 70th Birthday

a) 11/2/13

b) This is the first time my whole family has gotten together in a while, and it was nice to enjoy a safari with all of my aunts, uncles, and cousins. I came within a few feet of a giraffe, which was extremely cool. It was poetic how this place saves so many endangered species and helps them breed to keep their species going. It's nice to know that some people still have compassion for these precious animals.

31) Hurting My Arm (unpoetic)

a) 11/5/13

b) The pain and the hole in your stomach you get when you hurt your arm is horrible and indescribable. Is it broken? Will I be out for the rest of the season? It is painful physically as well as emotionally knowing you're letting your team down because you can't play.

32) An Officer and a Gentleman

a) 11/6/13

- b) This movie examined the dynamics of relationships and reminded me of many important things that I could apply to my life. It was poetic how people who have really just met be there for each other in times of need.
- 33) 3 Day Weekend
- a) 11/8/13
  - b) It is poetic to sleep in after a long few months of getting slapped in the face with non-stop homework every day. Finally, I get to rest. The relief is indescribably poetic.
- 34) The Beatles - All You Need is Love
- a) 11/9/13
  - b) Today I listened to The Beatles for the first time in a while, and I heard one of my favorite lyrics of all time: "All you need is love." This is very poetic, because it is completely true and makes us realize that we don't need instant material gratification, but we should be happy with the love we receive every day.
- 35) Veteran's Day
- a) 11/11/13
  - b) Courage, bravery, patriotism, sacrifice, selflessness, and love for one's country are just a couple of the countless poetic traits soldiers have. The people that protect our freedom deserve praise because although their job may not be poetic, the sacrifice they make daily certainly is.
- 36) Girlfriend's Birthday
- a) 11/11/13
  - b) She didn't want a huge sweet sixteen party, but she wanted a few of her closest friends there to just hang out and be friends. I found this poetic that she didn't want something huge, but just wanted those who actually care for her with her. It is also poetic that we will always get wiser with age.
- 37) Family Pictures
- a) 11/12/13
  - b) It was poetic to go out to a beautiful park and spend quality time with my family to take pictures for our Christmas card. It was beautiful weather, and the trees at the park were full of wonderful colors. It was just a poetic night.
- 38) Driver's Learning Permit
- a) 11/14/13
  - b) It is odd to call the DMV poetic, but I did find it poetic how efficiently the DMV can process so many people per day and help people with their needs so easily.
- 39) Allegory of the Cave
- a) 11/15/13
  - b) Plato's Allegory of the Cave is extremely relevant, even today, and I think it's a very accurate portrayal of the human condition. We are all tied up to something and trapped by evil or sin. When somebody escapes sin, it is so easy to go back to it and hide from

God. It is not a poetic situation, but it is poetic when someone escapes “the cave” and goes back in to try and save others from it. It is also poetic how Plato could come up with such a relevant allegory that still applies thousands of years later.

40) SF Batkid

- a) 11/15/13
- b) Everything the Make a Wish Foundation does is poetic, but it is awe inspiring when a whole community comes together and let’s a child with leukemia become “Batkid” for a day and run around San Francisco saving people for a day. This kid has been battling cancer for 4 out of his 5 years of life here on earth, and his perseverance is amazing.

41) Volleyball Tournament

- a) 11/17/13
- b) Today my entire volleyball team came together to cheer loudly and lead our team to victory. We won the entire tournament, and everybody was playing well. It was poetic to see a team come after a terrible tournament and focus our energy into preparing for this one where we won the whole thing.

42) Hunger Games: Catching Fire - District 11 Man Salutes Katniss and Peeta

- a) 11/22/13
- b) On their victory tour, only one of Katniss and Peeta’s speeches was truly heartfelt: the one they gave in District 11. When one of the men did the three finger salute to Peeta and Katniss, I was amazed. It was truly a rebellious act, and as I suspected, he was killed for it. Bravery, defiance to oppression, standing up for oneself

43) Hunger Games: Catching Fire - Katniss Steps In

- a) 11/22/13
- b) When Katniss stepped in front of a whip, I wasn’t surprised. I was impressed however when she has a gun pointed at her and all she says is “Go ahead.” This takes tremendous courage and guts. Courage, bravery, selfless, sacrifice

44) Hunger Games: Catching Fire - Mags’ Sacrifice

- a) 11/22/13
- b) It is inevitably poetic when somebody sacrifices their life for someone else. In Catching Fire, Mags knows she is going to die eventually, so she does not hesitate to sacrifice herself when Finnick is faced with the decision of carrying Mags or Peeta to safety. Mags is old and has lived her life well, and she knows her time is up. Selfless, at peace, sacrifice, peaceful protest

45) Hunger Games: Catching Fire - Katniss’ Decision: Finnick vs. Snow

- a) 11/22/13
- b) When Katniss can’t find Peeta anywhere and Finnick comes to find her, she is very close to shooting and killing him. He says “Remember who the real enemy is,” and she does just that. She puts her bow down and becomes determined to get back at the Capitol. Realization, wisdom, maturity



46) Hunger Games: Catching Fire - The Dome Explodes

a) 11/22/13

b) When all your hard work pays off, it is wonderful to see the results. When you are fighting for survival and you realize that you persevered long enough to live, the relief that comes upon you is amazing...even if you just got hit with a blast of lightning. Relief, glory, triumph, baby steps

47) Thanksgiving

a) 11/28/13

b) It was evident that the reunion of family is poetic when I went up to Oregon for Thanksgiving this year. I haven't seen people from my dad's family for months/years, and it was nice to see them again. Joy, happiness, thanks, love

48) Nelson Mandela

a) 12/5/13

b) Nelson Mandela lived one of the most poetic lives anyone could possibly dream of. He fought for what was right...peacefully. He went to prison for 30 years of his life for doing nothing wrong. He stood up for what was right. This small little log cannot even get close to praising this great leader. Freedom, peace, standing up to oppression

49) Finals Week

a) 12/18/13

b) Finals seem unpoetic. Cramming all the information you learned all year soon to be forgotten over break. Not too appealing.

50) Released for Christmas Break

a) 12/20/13

b) Being released to freedom after a long semester of sleepless, overworked nights comes to an end, only it is soon to begin again as poetic vision takes over my mind.

51) Owen Groesser #getowenonsportscenter

a) 12/24/13

b) When a community comes together to help a child with down syndrome achieve his dreams, the result is touching and poetic. In the case of Owen Groesser, a middle school coach gave Owen a chance to play in a basketball game where he scored 6 points in the last home game of the season. It is poetic the way the community supported him and the way the community gathered together to get him on SportsCenter.

52) Christmas Eve

a) 12/24/13

b) Excitement brews, children are giddy, and a family gathers to welcome Christ into the world. Family, welcoming, advent, wonder, awe

53) Christmas

a) 12/25/13

- b) Presents are fun, but today is the day that Christ is born. Jesus represented love, hope, compassion, and more which are all poetic traits.
- 54) Opening Presents
- a) 12/25/13
  - b) Mystery is poetic, so clearly opening presents is poetic. Also, giving to others is poetic. Generosity is a very poetic trait.
- 55) Tahoe
- a) 12/27/13
  - b) Family vacations are poetic. Having fun with those you love with no wi-fi and little technology makes you appreciate each other more. Family, togetherness, love, fun
- 56) Steelers Didn't Make the Playoffs (unpoetic)
- a) 12/29/13
  - b) Barely missing the playoffs because of a bad call is very unpoetic. One of the most unpoetic feelings one can feel is the feeling when you miss the playoffs because of a bad call and the NFL admits that it was the wrong call but can't do anything about it.
- 57) Balloon Man
- a) 1/4/13
  - b) When a balloon man goes above and beyond to make someone happy on their birthday, it is poetic. This guy just kept adding balloons on. Even though he was only paid \$2, we sacrificed his balloons to make a \$10 balloon creation. Generosity and selflessness is poetic.
- 58) Imagine by John Lennon
- a) 1/3/13
  - b) I hadn't heard this song in a while, and I forgot how poetic it is. World peace is definitely poetic, and peace is one of the most poetic things I know of.
- 59) Jesuit Fails to Reach Food Drive Goal (unpoetic)
- a) 1/6/13
  - b) It is unpoetic that we couldn't unite this year and collect our goal of 80,000 lbs of food for the less fortunate. Generosity is poetic, but apparently people didn't feel generous last year.
- 60) Last Volleyball Tournament
- a) 1/11/14
  - b) Playing well is poetic especially on the last day you'll be playing for a while. Competition is poetic because it brings out the best in people.
- 61) Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- a) 1/20/13
  - b) Standing up for what you believe in is poetic, especially when putting your life at risk to do it. Fortitude, courage, bravery, peace, perseverance
- 62) Cloister Walk

- a) 1/23/14
  - b) A poor boy never knew his father, but he still looks up to him. He has faith in this father figure he never met. This loss is as big as Texas, but his love for a man he never knew is also as big as Texas. Wonder and awe, mystery, trust, faith, hope
- 63) AP Bio Discussion - Evolution and Religion
- a) 1/28/14
  - b) This was one of my favorite biology classes all year, because we asked ourselves how we really got here. We talked about the literal vs figurative stories of the bible, and how science plays into religion. I felt like I learned more about human nature during this single hour than in my entire life.
- 64) “If God created the world, then who created God?” -Daniel Ryan
- a) 1/30/14
  - b) It amazes me how much insight a six-year-old can bring to the world. Yes, my little brother seriously asked this question, and it is a good one. I don’t know anyone with the curiosity or wisdom to ask such a question at the age of 6, but Daniel asked it, and it makes one realize that the little children can bring the most complex ideas to the world. Wonder and awe, curiosity, belief, innocence
- 65) Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit
- a) 1/31/14
  - b) Sure the main character of Tom Clancy’s books shares my name, but that is not the only thing that makes them cool. In fact, this is the first movie not based off of one of the books, and it is very good. Jack Ryan recovers from a physical injury and saves the US from a terrorist attack on Wall Street and the crashing of the stock market. Courage, recovery, witty, skilled, clever
- 66) A Valentine for Ernest Mann
- a) 2/5/14
  - b) “Nothing was ugly just because the world said so.” I feel sympathy for this poor man who got a genuinely beautiful gift for his wife that made his wife cry for the wrong reasons. Sometimes we let society alter how we view things, and this man overcame that. This is truly poetic. Beauty, genuine, individuality, stubbornness
- 67) David’s Birthday
- a) 2/7/14
  - b) Another year gone. One year’s wisdom or one year closer to death? Worldviews, perspective, wisdom, learning, growth
- 68) Joseph’s Baptism
- a) 2/8/14
  - b) New member of the Catholic Church, God will teach him to be the best he can be, good in his own way. Individuality, new life, sin-free, entrance
- 69) Becoming a Godfather

- a) 2/8/14
  - b) Becoming a father in the eyes of the Church brings much responsibility. I must guide my godson to be his best, and to guide him to follow god. Responsibility, judgment, gifts of the holy spirit, guidance, counsel
- 70) The Middle Passage (unpoetic)
- a) 2/9/14
  - b) The Middle Passage is extremely unpoetic. It encouraged the treating of humans like animals just because of their skin color and culture. It says that some people are better than others, which is definitely not true. Evil, inhumane, disgusting
- 71) Give us us free!
- a) 2/10/14
  - b) The Middle Passage may be unpoetic, but it is poetic when Africans gain their freedom and prove in a biased court that they are right and were being treated like animals. Freedom, success, successful revolution
- 72) Volleyball Tryouts
- a) 2/10/14
  - b) New faces, new year, new season. Great to be back, great to get back in shape. Fun, competition, teamwork
- 73) Planning a Fundraiser
- a) 2/11/14
  - b) Planning a fundraiser for a good cause is always heart-warming and makes you feel good about what you're doing. Giving back to the community is what really matters in our lives, and fundraising for a good cause is always a simple way to do that. Selfless, helpful, giving back, gratitude
- 74) Valentine's Day
- a) 2/14/14
  - b) Love. What does that word even mean. I think a "Love Vision" project would be more valuable than a "Poetic Vision" project to be honest. Love applies to so many aspects of life that one cannot ignore it.
- 75) Wall-E
- a) 2/15/14
  - b) This movie brings about poetic and unpoetic traits. The way humans treat the earth is quite unpoetic, but those who make change are doing poetic things. In a world where technology controls everything, this movie shows that humans can take their world back and make it better.
- 76) "I don't want to survive. I want to *live*!"
- a) 2/15/14
  - b) There is a difference between surviving and living. There are people in this world who have little money and do what they can to survive. These people are not living. They are

barely getting by. Perhaps those of us who are in fact living can do a little to help these people be able to live as well.

77) Moneyball

- a) 2/16/14
- b) "I made one decision in my life based on money. And I swore I would never do it again." Money isn't everything. Getting as far as this team did on such a small budget is poetic, and changing the game of baseball is an amazingly impossible feat. Overcoming obstacles, winning, fun, superstition

78) Delmira's Party

- a) 2/22/14
- b) Just a bunch of young people getting together to celebrate a milestone birthday. Poetic? I think that it is. Growing up and becoming a young man or woman can be a long journey, and this is a big milestone.

79) Harriet Tubman

- a) 2/23/14
- b) Risking your life for someone else's sake is always poetic, but when a woman decides to make a life threatening journey across America multiple times to save individuals, people are left speechless. Generosity, selfless, risk and reward

80) John Newton - Amazing Grace

- a) 2/24/14
- b) Amazing Grace is one of the most well-known songs of all time, and it has brightened the lives of millions and helped people get through tough times. Amazing Grace has been there always, even before the song about it was written. Belief, hope, salvation

81) Amazing Grace - YouTube Video

- a) 2/24/14
- b) The man in this video was not only an inspirational speaker with much to tell, he was also an amazing singer. The story he told was heartwarming and eye-opening.

82) Kiwi - YouTube Video

- a) 2/27/14
- b) This bird has no wings and can't fly, but when the bird decides to try and fly anyway, it is poetic. His last wish was to fly, and he fulfilled it.

83) Daniel's Birthday

- a) 3/2/14
- b) 7 years old. It seemed like yesterday that I was going to the hospital to see my brand new baby brother. I was a proud 3rd grader, showing off Daniel to everyone. It's hard to believe he is 7 already. Growth is good, and I can't wait to watch Daniel grow. Growth, independence, love, new things

84) Jesuit Wins Sections

- a) 3/8/14

- b) A long season of hard work does not go unnoticed. Persistence and grit will get you through tough patches. Hard work, diligence, persistence, patience
- 85) Beauty and the Beast (the performance)
- a) 3/8/14
  - b) This high school play seemed professional. There was amazing singing and great acting. It was funny at points, but it maintained seriousness and proved its point for sure. Teamwork, unity
- 86) Beauty and the Beast (the message)
- a) 3/8/14
  - b) Love can be weird, and it can be found in strange places. In the end, one's good looks and appealing abilities doesn't mean he will get all the girls. Also, love will find a way to make it work, always. Love, compassion, care
- 87) Flying by The Beatles
- a) 3/9/14
  - b) This song may not have lyrics, but that does not mean it doesn't take you on a journey. This song certainly does make me feel like I'm flying. It gives me a great feeling inside every time I hear it, which is definitely poetic.
- 88) Master Harold and the Boys
- a) 3/10/14
  - b) It is ironic how a boy can complain about his "problems" to two black men in an apartheid system. This play shows how evil apartheid is, and why we should prevent systems like this from occurring. It also brings up how culture never dies.
- 89) Look Inside: Mick Ebeling - YouTube Video
- a) 3/15/14
  - b) "When you look at a picture of a boy with bandaged stump arms...I mean what do you do? Do you just 'Oh that's too bad' and close the computer and go to bed? What do you do?" That's not what Mick Ebeling did. He decided to take action. Helping those in poverty/war stricken areas get aid is amazing, but using advanced technology to 3D print prosthetic limbs? That is unheard of, but it a great thing to start. "You can't put the pieces back together in someone else's life, but maybe if we print them new pieces, they'll start to learn to put them back together themselves.
- 90) St. Patrick's Day
- a) 3/17/14
  - b) Green. A nation unites to wear green and celebrate a saint. Saints are people we look up to, and everyone should strive to be a saint so people look up to them too.
- 91) A Song About Fire
- a) 3/20/14
  - b) Fire needs three things (heat, oxygen, fuel) to be fire, and this can be very metaphorical for everyone's lives. One thing cannot happen without this thing happening. We see it

everywhere, but we rarely think about it.

92) Officer Elections

- a) 3/21/14
- b) New year means new officers, and exercising the right to vote can be poetic. Even though it's just high school, voting in general is poetic because people have constantly been in struggles all around the world trying to get the right to vote. It is still going on today.

93) Playing with the baby cousin

- a) 3/27/14
- b) I always feel joy when I'm playing with my baby cousin, and I smile just from looking at him. When he smiles at me, I feel immense pleasure that cannot be replicated.

94) My Birthday

- a) 3/28/14
- b) Another year older. 16 is a big one. I can now drive, get a job, etc. With great power comes great responsibility, however.

95) Volleyball on My Birthday

- a) 3/28/14
- b) It's always fun to have teammates support you and share their joy with you in celebration of your birthday. It makes me happy to know that my teammates care about me.

96) Dillon Beach

- a) 3/29/14
- b) Dillon Beach is great because it is close to home and it is beautiful. It is cut off from the outside world and free from distractions, which is very refreshing in the midst of a very busy life.

97) Dead Bird (unpoetic)

- a) 3/29/14
- b) This poor bird flew into the window and killed itself. I feel bad because a human made structure caused this little guy's life to end. Very sad.

98) Jack Reacher

- a) 3/29/14
- b) A freelancing ex-army cop goes from town to town, always helping solve crimes and save people's lives. Very poetic to see framed people become freed, and the true criminals face justice.

99) Hiking to the Beach

- a) 3/30/14
- b) Hiking is beautiful because one can see the beauty of nature firsthand free from distractions. The beach has nice warm sand, producing a calming, relaxing environment.

100) Dangerous Part of the Hike

- a) 3/30/14
  - b) Hikes can be dangerous, and very skinny trails on cliffsides definitely scare me. It was scary for me at the time, but looking back, it was a good experience because it made me overcome my fears.
- 101) Daisy Love Merrick
- a) 4/1/14
  - b) Not sure if this is poetic or unpoetic. Kids with cancer all belong in heaven. Their lives have just begun, yet they are ending so quickly. It's terrible, so I will deem it unpoetic. The feeling I get when I hear stories like this and the urge I get to want to help cure this is poetic.
- 102) CB Dance
- a) 4/4/14
  - b) The most poetic thing about this dance wasn't the dance itself, but that it was a Friday night, and I had a whole weekend full of sleep ahead of me.
- 103) Strange Fruit
- a) 4/9/14
  - b) Bischoff playing music in his class? This is a change, so there must be a good reason. Yes indeed there is a good reason. This song is extremely poetic. The woman singing it has serious guts to openly sing out against lynching when she could've been lynched herself for just saying something like the lyrics to this song. Courage, bravery, speaking out for what is right
- 104) PattyChen
- a) 4/10/14
  - b) "The definition of a rational number is an integer that can be expressed as the ratio of two numbers." Math is poetic, because it helps our lost human minds create order. We now see things logically, or rationally.
- 105) Released for Spring Break
- a) 4/11/14
  - b) Spring break...sleep, sleep, sleep, and poetic vision. The life of a sophomore at Jesuit High School is very exciting as you can tell.
- 106) Shalane Flanagan
- a) 4/13/14
  - b) The Boston Marathon bombing was a terrible thing, but it is certainly poetic when a woman is determined to take back her city and try to win the following year as an hometown favorite.
- 107) Boston Memorial Ceremony
- a) 4/16/14
  - b) This ceremony was very poetic, as it remembered those who fell and those who were injured during the Boston Marathon bombings. These people will always be



remembered in our hearts.

- 108) Holy Thursday
  - a) 4/17/14
  - b) Jesus breaks bread with his disciples for the last time. Unlike Jesus, we never know when our last supper will be, so we must cherish every single one.
- 109) Captain America
  - a) 4/17/14
  - b) Bringing down bad guys is always good, but bringing down bad guys within a hero organization is new. This movie was very well directed, and I certainly would watch it again.
- 110) Captain America
  - a) 4/17/14
  - b) A long lost friend has forgotten who you are, but maybe you can get him to remember you once again. Captain America's best friend was lost, but he is found. Maybe he can befriend him once more.
- 111) Good Friday
  - a) 4/18/14
  - b) Jesus dying on the cross for our sins is something that very few humans today would do, even if it meant saving humanity. It took courage, bravery, and lots of trust in the Lord.
- 112) Holy Saturday
  - a) 4/19/14
  - b) We wait. We wait for Jesus. We know he will come again on the third day, so we are patient and humble in waiting for his return.
- 113) Easter
  - a) 4/20/14
  - b) Jesus is risen, and we rejoice. He has saved us from our sins and opened the gates of heaven. We are now freed from the chains of sin and evil, but that does not mean they go away completely.
- 114) Boston Marathon 2014
  - a) 4/21/14
  - b) One year after a terrible tragedy, a city unites and goes at it once more. The people of Boston are strong and resilient, two very poetic traits.
- 115) The Zoo
  - a) 4/21/14
  - b) I haven't been to the zoo in ages, but that doesn't mean I can't enjoy it. The animals at the zoo remind me of why we need to protect the earth and these animals' natural habitats.
- 116) Earth Day
  - a) 4/22/14

- b) This is a very poetic day because people from all over the world unite and recognize that we all live on the same earth, and we all have the responsibility to take care of it.
- 117) Poetic Interview (form)
- a) 4/22/14
  - b) Interviewing someone is hard, and there can be awkward silences, but it is very poetic when follow up questions arise instantly and allow your interview to run smoothly.
- 118) Poetic Interview (content)
- a) 4/22/14
  - b) Today I received two very different but equally poetic views on various topics, most importantly, the topic of poetic vision and the word “poetic.” I received much insight from my grandparents who are older than I am and have much more experience out in the real world full of poetic opportunities.
- 119) Volleyball Tournament
- a) 4/26/14
  - b) Having fun for an entire day is poetic, and falling asleep easily is poetic. Being tired can be poetic because it allows one to fall asleep and tap into their imagination to produce dreams. This sighting took an unexpected turn, but that is okay. Anyway, volleyball is poetic, all you have to do is watch it and you will know.
- 120) Upsets
- a) 4/26/14
  - b) People root for the underdog because it is less likely that they will win. People like upsets because they are unexpected, and people like surprises.
- 121) The Scientist
- a) 4/27/14
  - b) This is one of the most poetic music videos I’ve ever seen. Asking for forgiveness is poetic, but asking for forgiveness means you did something wrong, and that is not poetic.
- 122) End of Spring Break (unpoetic)
- a) 4/28/14
  - b) The end of sufficient sleep is here. No longer will I be able to sleep in and provide my body with proper rest.
- 123) Poetic Vision
- a) Never ending
  - b) Poetic Vision never ends. We still have our whole lives ahead of us, and we are always discovering new things to add to our personal definition of the word “poetic.”