

## <u>3rd grade Term 2</u>

## By Myself

When I'm by myself And I close my eyes I'm a twin I'm a dimple in a chin I'm a room full of toys I'm a squeaky noise I'm a gospel song I'm a gong I'm a leaf turning red I'm a leaf of brown bread I'm a whatever I want to be An anything I care to be And when I open my eyes What I care to be Is me.

## -by Eloise Greenfield

T.E.C.S. Poetry – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Trees are the kindest things I know, They do no harm, they simply grow

Trees

And spread a shade for sleepy cows, And gather birds among their boughs.

They give us fruit in leaves above, And wood to make our houses of,

And leaves to burn on Hallowe'en, And In the Spring new buds of green.

They are the first when day's begun To touch the beams of morning sun,

They are the last to hold the light When evening changes into night,

And when a moon floats on the sky They hum a drowsy lullaby

Of sleepy children long ago... Trees are the kindest things I know.

-by Harry Behn T.E.C.S. Poetry – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## Catch a little Rhyme

Once upon a time I caught a little rhyme

I set it on the floor but it ran right out the door

I chased it on my bicycle but it melted to an icicle

I scooped it up in my hat but it turned into a cat

I caught it by the tail but it stretched into a whale

I followed it in a boat but it changed into a goat

When I fed it tin and paper it became a tall skyscraper

Then it grew into a kite and flew far out of sight...

-by Eve Merriam T.E.C.S. Poetry – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Just a reminder**- The only way to receive an A is to use animation, which includes: actions, tone of voice, props, or whatever you would like to add personality and character to your recitation. Please practice your poem with **ANIMATION!**