

Aurora's poetry reflects her mood when she writes her poems. She uses poetry as a way to express her feelings. Aurora's poems are very original, always bringing in a new perspective to everyday occurrences. I really enjoy working with her on her poems because they always make me think.

~Elia Olson, Tutor

### **Portraits**

By Aurora Krueger

Portraits,  
Like a thousand mirrors, glinting,  
Broken, but the cracks are  
Hairline,  
Small and lying to  
Your eyes—  
They seem invisible,  
Like flaws, until you really get to know  
someone.

These representations  
Seem like memories—  
Ones that stay afire and keep away  
The shadows.

Am I a replica  
Or just glass?  
Feeling like a sketch, I gaze into  
The impression of

Golden hair and  
Dark eyes.

And suddenly, it dawned on me—  
Who is this girl,  
Staring back at me, through these frozen

images,  
Distorted and  
Reflecting back a moment of ice,  
Of clarity?

She looks so much like me,  
But looks can be deceiving and  
I can't be perfect like a  
Picture.

I'm just an outline of the completeness of  
What 2-D art can bring.

### **Thawing Dejection**

By Aurora Krueger

The  
Winter  
Cannot hide  
Barren ground from  
Saddened eyes that long  
For comfort among dead  
Trees and crystal skies, open,  
Harboring freedom and snowy  
Owls that guide frozen rivers into  
Gushing streams, thawing dejection and time.