

**Celia Piehl Young Poets Awards
2000
Theme: New Hopes for the New Millennium**

First Place:

**Grace
by Marie Sweet**

Grace, Grace, my adorable niece
The more I see her the more she becomes a piece of
my heart
She has the cutest smile, but her hair is so wild
Everytime I hold her I think how lucky I am to be
her aunt

Grace laughs at all my jokes and when I play peek-
a-boo
I laugh at her when she does her old lady face and
her chinese face
She always brings a smile to my face
Unless she is hurt or sad, then my smile turns into
a frown

Each week I see her for just one day
The other six days she is on my mind
I talk about her and gaze at her pictures by my bed
Thinking of her when I see her next

My hope for the new millennium is that Grace will
always have a happy face.

(a seventh grader at HLMS)

Third Place:

**New Hope for a
New Millennium
By Sheena Lakey**

December staggers away into a deep fog,
sloshing around,
January rolls in on a golden road,
hushed in silence,
The new year brings a refreshing, jittering
ATTITUDE!

(a junior at BHS)

Second Place:

**Time to Stand Up
by Mary Edson**

I'm mad because I'm young and I'm supposed to be
I'm mad at the world for not being fair
I'm mad at capitalist society for refusing to see that
the laissez faire system only destroys the humans
who slave under it
I'm mad at the ethnic Albanians and the Irish
Catholic and Protestants for fighting over religious
differences
I'm mad at Congress for not passing tougher gun
laws, when every day someone in the United States is
the victim of a handgun
I'm mad that in the twenty-first century American
society still believes that the death penalty, despite its
racial and wealth-based biases, is a good idea
I'm mad that small minded people have the power
to pass legislation that prohibits American citizens
from marrying whoever they love
I'm mad
But most of all I'm mad at myself for not having
the strength to stand up against these injustices
I don't want to be mad anymore

(a senior at BHS)

Honorable Mentions:

**Summer Dixon, junior at BHS
Kristen Lee, senior at HLMS
Phillip McCulloch, seventh-grader at HLMS**