

These paintings and poems have been taken from a small book 'ALL ABOUT US' which featured creative writing and painting by the young and for the young. The book contained a sampling from over 25,000 paintings, poems, stories and letters received from young Canadians. The

CHILD-REN'S

thousands of pieces were sent voluntarily. They were not made to win prizes or gain fame, but to share experiences across the length and breadth of Canada.

Many contributors betrayed a wistfulness for acceptance: "I hope my painting is O.K." "I hope you like my poem." They



Leslie Powers
Grade 11
Halifax, Nova Scotia

BLIND BOY'S RING

*The poor blind boy
He can not see
You or Me
Or the great blue sea*

*He must listen
With his ears
He must speak
Through passing years*

*Yet the blind boy smiles
For he sees as we may never do
He sees as people feel
He sees what is and isn't real*

*For never is
The blind boy fooled
He simply can't be taken in
By the golden ring that's made of tin*

John Leinster Age 16
Newmarket, Ontario



Janice Douglas
Age 14
Edmonton, Alberta

LIFE

*Life is like a butterfly,
There's certain stages you have
to go through
before it becomes beautiful.*

Susan Livingston Age 16
Calgary, Alberta

John Caravistj
Age 16
New Brunswick

SNOW

*Teardrops from heaven
Crystallizing as they plummet
earthward
Each in it's own suit of ice
Blown and thrown wherever the
wind desires*

*Then the air is calmed
The drops plunge into a mass
They unite; lose their identity
They drift and mount higher*

*The sorrow is rectified
The golden god comes out
Lifts the spirits of the clouds
And the tears are gone.*

Marion Pennell Age 13
Pointe Claire, Quebec

David Colborne
Grade 11
Halifax, Nova Scotia

