



The Lewis Carroll Writing Competition 2021

The Revenge of the Oysters By Anhad Kashyap (under 16 Competition)

Anhad, aged 10, from India, provided a sequel to the poem "The Walrus and the Carpenter". This is a poem recited in "Through the Looking-Glass", in chapter four, by Tweedledum and Tweedledee to Alice. Coincidentally, there was an additional verse provided to the Savile Clarke's operetta of "Alice in Wonderland" because the death of the Oysters needed and an additional scene was created where the ghosts of the Oysters came back on stage and sang and danced on the chests and stomachs of the Walrus and the Carpenter.

The Walrus asked the Carpenter,
 "Do you think we have been fair?
To lead the Oysters up the garden path -
 Which alone they would not dare
We made them feel, that they were friends,
 That we did, really, really care
And when they saw our bread and knife,
 Oh God!! They got a scare!"

The Carpenter, he wiped his face,
 and thus did he reply
"Once we decide, we should not look back"
 he said with a long sigh!
"Why Darwin claims that man evolves
 And the weakest of all must die
Now let us walk back, down this beach
 And waste not time, on things gone by"

As they walked, then down the beach,
 With tummy's full and tearless eye
On yonder stone, sitting all alone
 The wise Old Oyster, did they spy
Never once did their cheating hearts
 Felt guilty for their web of lies!
For if a man, he treacherous is
 His conscience then does die!

The wise Old Oyster, he saw them come
and trotted over through the sand
He stood up straight and walked along
Looking old, yet very grand!
"Where are my kin, for I can't see them
Anywhere on this land
Don't you lie, you treacherous rogues!"
Severely did he reprimand

From the Walrus and the Carpenter
Not a squeak did he get in reply
The Old Oyster, was hopping mad
And that did his rage did amplify
He cursed those two, then and there
With a fierce and guttural cry
"May you never get to eat again anything
But stale bread made up of rye"

Both the walrus and carpenter
broke out in wails and cries
The claimed that they loved nothing more
Than a big, fat slice of pie!
They wept "Don't take away our food,
"Without pie to eat, we'll surely die!"
"You brought this upon yourselves",
Thus he wise Old Oyster did reply.

"We do object this lowly curse,
To us, you have not been fair!
We protest out loud, we challenge you,
Try and punish us, we do you dare!
We will come and gobble you too,
Then walk away without a care!
Retract your curse, you silly one
Or watch, as our fangs we bare!"

"Enough for now, this useless talk,
I won't listen at all to you.
I will meditate upon this spot,
My anger continues to brew!
Those oysters were my family,

In my shadow they all grew.
You betrayed trust, you wretched ones,
So my wrath on you, I'll spew!"

Suddenly they heard thunder roar,
Despite the sun that shone so bright!
In the bright blue sky, was not a cloud around,
So thunder, didn't seem quite right?
Suddenly a lightning bolt struck them,
And made for a really ugly sight!
As the two of them, fell on the sand,
The Old Oyster cheered with all his might!

That day was really full of HIS grace,
As miracles happened to some degree.
Out of the mouths of the stricken two,
The oysters emerged for all the world to see!
"Oh God is Great, I thank him much
For all creatures justice will there be!
As you sow, so shall you reap,
And the guilty won't go scot free!"
