

## Great Barrier Reef by Jeremy Martin

Pacific beauty, garland of shimmering pastels  
Textures and colors astound, deep in your ocean heart  
Your court is larger than any kingdom on Earth  
And hosts grand balls and parties,  
Shimmering schools of fish dance in unison  
Anemones gather by the thousands  
Each more vibrant than the next  
Grand plumes of algae sway like great banners  
In the streets of your endless coral cities,  
Lost happily in orange towers  
All fathoms deep, cradled by warm currents  
Erupting and tumbling and breathing,  
The jealous coast watches, the winds bow down  
Salt and scales glitter like stars in your sky  
Oh magnificent belle of Queensland!  
All Hail The Great Barrier Reef!

## The Sniffle by Ogden Nash

In spite of her sniffle Isabel's chiffle.

Some girls with a sniffle

Would be weepy and tiffle;

They would look awful,

Like a rained-on waffle,

But Isabel's chiffle

In spite of her sniffle.

Her nose is more red

With a cold in her head,

But then, to be sure,

Her eyes are bluer.

Some girls with a snuffle,

Their tempers are uffle.

But when Isabel's snivelly

She's snivelly civilly,

And when she's snuffly

She's perfectly luffly.