On the Winter Sea
Icy waves crash against the shore
Shivering dolphins leap from the silver water
North winds blow the crystal sand
onto my cold bare feet
from the salt water sea
onto my feet
again and again
the sun sets against the shining water.

Zoey Biondini, grade 5

Entries must be postmarked by January 31, 2020

Winners will be announced in April.
To receive an email when the winners are announced,
sign up for the contest mailing list at:
www.coastal.ca.gov/contest_signup
You will not receive an email if you don’t sign up for the mailing list.

Art and poetry must have a California coastal or marine theme. Please see the Contest Guidelines on the entry form, and the contest page at coastforyou.org for complete rules. Art entries: please include a short statement of a paragraph or less on how the coast or ocean inspired your art. Students may dictate poetry or their art statement if needed, but it must be their own words or an English translation of their own words. Poems do not need a statement.

Complete a contest Entry Form and submit it with your art and artist’s statement or with your poetry to:

California Coastal Commission
Coastal Art and Poetry Contest
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

For more information, tips, and entry form in Spanish or English: visit coastforyou.org or email coast4u@coastal.ca.gov

Artwork from the 2019 contest by Isabelle Gonzales, grade 8, and Eden Yuen, grade 4