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FIRST PLACE

The moon, like night's eye,
looks down, illuminating
a girl's gazeless stare.

— Travis King



Bio: Travis King is a speculative fiction writer from the Pacific Northwest. He has previously been published in *Innsmouth Free Press* and elsewhere online and in print. He is also the author of “Dreamlands of Mars,” which will appear in the forthcoming *Cthulhurotica* anthology.

SECOND PLACE



Patter of raindrops and leaves
Orange, crimson and brown
Edgar's tomes made of Autumn

– Ahimsa Kerp

Bio: Ahimsa Kerp has lived on four continents, but has currently returned to his hometown of Portland, Oregon. His screenplays have won awards, his travel writing is published throughout the web, and his contribution to the *Cthulhuotica* anthology and the mosaic novel *To Baldairn's Motte* are forthcoming. You can read his blog at <http://obscureclearly.wordpress.com/>

THIRD PLACE

Claustrophobia,
Slivers of a shattered mind.
What sweet rest in death.

– Zoe Harwood



Bio: Zoe is a student in Lampeter Univesity, studying English. She has been writing since childhood, but this is the first competition she has ever entered.



FOURTH PLACE ^(TIE)

Thirty-two pearly
I-love-you-nots. So in love,
I can't hear the screams

– Joshua Alan Doetsch

Bio: Joshua Alan Doetsch once built a golem out of grave-robbing parts and uneaten Halloween candy. By strange chance, this golem is fueled on rejection slips. Every day it begs and it pleads, “PLEASE, KIND SIR, KEEP ME ALIVE!” And so Joshua writes. You can thank *Innsmouth Free Press* for allowing his poor golem to go hungry for another day. Originally from Chicago, he currently resides in Montreal, where he writes video game dialogue and commits profane acts of scivnomancy. His first novel, *Strangeness in the Proportion*, will be released in November by White Wolf Game Studio.

FOURTH PLACE (TIE)

The fading scent
of Amontillado
fresh mortar

— Ann K. Schwader



Bio: Ann K. Schwader's dark SF poetry collection, *Wild Hunt of the Stars*, was published by Sam's Dot earlier this year. She is a 2010 Rhysling Award winner (short form poem). Her flash fiction "Scream Saver" appeared in *Innsmouth Free Press's* second fiction issue, in October 2009. She leads a deceptively quiet life in Westminster, Colorado.