2018 Sidewalk Poetry Contest Winners

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This I believe Above all other things A man shall find goodness If goodness he brings By John Vorhaus

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Step off the street, be still and feel the earth, its silent thrum. Look up and hear the foothills whisper an endless, timeless chant. Watch the mountains, motionless, yet rising toward eternity By Carol Steiner

Reading takes you to places far Magical spaces not reachable by car It makes your imagination travel Beyond its limits and become unraveled Before you know it, you'll escape somewhere To a remarkable place without a care By Annette Simpson

It's the patter and chatter. All that really matters! In this city known as the Gem. Time shopping and stopping— Even name dropping— Spent here with a few good friends. Share a smile, sit a while. Please come back! Visit us again! By Gayle Montgomery

Leap forward towards the limitless possibilities A lucky break, a fighting chance A challenge or a slam dunk? Where will the journey take you? Opportunities await! Rhia Hernandez



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The Mountains Welcome me home Calling me fondly from afar Reminding me of the beauty In my own backyard By Kathee Henigan Bautista

"Sidewalk lines divide," She quipped, "I wish they'd rather multiply." By Megan Lundgren

Birds sing a song, frogs croak along, The katydids chirp away. This is what the animals say, making noise throughout the day By Juliette Fang

A rainbow's beauty matched by no other Embraces every individual color A society matches this to every sister and brother And we finally get to the GOLD at the end TOGETHER Kai Armstrong

Color my life Flow into my tears And pour out my dreams Sketched over the years By Paula Gemme