

Winning Poems in 2021 CFCP, Inc., Student Contest

4J. Nature, Any Aspect, First Place

Autumn Walk

Pulling on my red jacket, I smile,
Picturing the adventure to come:
Our daily stroll at gilded sunset.
Calling my dog with three words,
“Pluto, let’s go!” I leash him up,
Put on my headphones, and leave
Reality with music while taking
Long strides to the nearby park,
As I hum along to the melody,
We watch toddlers play together
In sweaters on lush grass. Maples
Flutter in their crimson, gold, and
Burgundy garb to the gentle beat
Of the west wind as Pluto and I
Wish our jaunt would never end.

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