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Brother and Sister

by Elena Gamboa Flores

Hansel and Gretel in the Leberwald Wood,
Are finally done with what they had to do.
Now they are free.
So they think, until they meet a tree.
Everything the tree asked, boiled down to one task,
Let them not take more from the wood than they need.

Gretel, with no rush, prepares the food
Racing to get the rabbit, after
After eating the rabbit for supper
Hansel breaks his promise.
Energized because he hunted too much — more than his need —
Hansel is dead.
And in his stead, Gretel is
Left in the woods.

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Brother and Sister: Hand in Hand

by Hayley Akbar

Brother and Sister
Hand in hand.
With vibrant power
At the heavenly place.
Come face to face
In front of a magnificent tree.
From it
The Voice comes
Clear and free
“Welcome to the wood of life,
Live breathe and play,
From that delicate balance
Do not stray.”

“What life!
What excitement!
I want to be part of it all.”

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Hansel cries.
That becomes his downfall.

Animals are killed and die.
The balance is upset—
Hansel morphs to a monster—
He becomes a killer—
Then is killed!
Sister survives alone.

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About the Poets

These poems were inspired by Adam Gidwitz's *A Tale Dark and Grimm*. Both poets are students at Ditmas Intermediate School, studying under Mr. Grzelecki and Dr. Reissman.

Lindamichellebaron Says...

The beauty and power of the tales from The Brothers Grimm continues to linger and inspire writers and readers of all ages.

Come back for another day of poetry tomorrow. If you want to be part of 30 Days of Poetry, send your poems to 30daysofpoetry4@gmail.com until May 30th. I look forward to hearing from you!

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