

## The Song of Carnivores

As part of a competition, Whitestone Grade 7's were asked to write a poem that would actually be written into a song "The Song of the Carnivores".

The children's work would be incorporated into a production called "Carnivore of Carnivores" which will be held at the Musical festival next year (2012).

The idea of the song was to raise international awareness about Africa's five main carnivores:-

1. The Cheetah
2. African Wild Dog
3. The Leopard
4. The Lion
5. The Spotted Brown Hyena

The song will be written by a composer overseas. This song will be distributed to countries within Africa, UK and even possibly be sung at a production at the Bronx Zoo, New York, USA (in order to raise international awareness.) The idea is that the present generation (our children) would need to make the effort to save these magnificent creatures.

Many schools participated and 4 entries went to the finals. Whitestone School won the competition (\$250) and Jordan Edward's entry was proudly selected. Congratulations Jordan!

## **CARNIVORE OF CARNIVORES**

All the large predators in the world  
Are endangered because of us,  
So I am writing this poem to spread the word -  
Someone needs to make a fuss.

The King of The Jungle is the Lion  
Have you ever heard his roar?  
It sounds like thunder and I'm not lyin'  
In fact, I'm very sure.

The Spotted Hyena is known for its persistence,  
Its unforgettable grunts, groans and giggles.  
With the rest of its clan it has ample assistance  
Its uneven legs make walking a wiggle.

The African Cheetah is incredibly fast  
Although it is extremely shy.  
It is much too quick to come stone last  
But if it sprints for too long it will die.

The Leopard is the feared hunter of the night  
Silently, swiftly stalking its prey.  
Of all the large cats it has the best sight  
Building energy by sleeping during the day.

Sociability is the Wild Dog's skill  
They roam the savannah in packs.  
With the highest success rate when it comes back to the kill  
Markings blotched black and yellow on their backs.

For the safety of these magnificent creatures  
Their habitats we must protect,  
Or else we will live without their features  
And then we will regret.

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