

# ~ Creative Kids ~

## JUST AN EXTRA THING

People staring with eyes of piercing lasers  
Sneering: *Ha ha you have to wear those!*  
So, what's wrong with hearing aids?  
I hear just as well as you do!  
What's the difference?

I tell you now  
There's now difference anyhow  
Just an extra thing to wear.  
I won't take this when I'm older  
Especially when I'm bolder

Inside me  
I cry  
Outside me  
I hide  
My sorrow  
An extra thing to wear.  
So what?

~ GILBERTO, age 13  
Newton, MA

## Celebrating National Poetry Month

### MY F.M.

Wearing my F.M.  
Is helpful to me because  
It helps me hear good.

~ A haiku by JOANNA, age 9  
Chester, MA

**Congratulations,  
Gilberto and Joanna!**

**Both students received gift cards  
to a national bookstore chain.**