His Ink and His Page By: Corabelle Tally

The page flourished at the touch of his hands Scraping and humming, groaning and thinking He bled through the ink in his pen

Not an object in the room was known to his mind Not a stiff chair or cold desk Not musty air or orange stripped bed The world meant nothing to him

All that mattered was what lived in his mind The ground rose up in front of him Dragons soared and were chased by adventures

He saved the fair maiden of the valley His castle was far above the rest He ruled with the greatest riches of the world Not a soul lived that existed to oppress

He flew above the erupting volcanoes He fought the thieves who stole in the night He commanded people with just his mind's eye

His wishes and desires, hopes and dreams Anything and everything that mattered was all that came to be

All that mattered was the world of his design Opportunities jumped like fish for him to catch His writing bloomed and readers pursued his every word

He prospered over every adversity He battled the critics who struggled to bring him pain He led the youth of the world through simple ink on a page

His wife and children ran to greet him
The house was never dirty or un-kept
Bills were paid, extra money in the bank
Readers loved him, critics adored him, he had everything

...But then he woke up

No wife and child waited for him No world knew of his name No one had every heard the sound of his words He was a nobody living nowhere doing nothing of importance Living in a broken world in his broken room surrounded by broken things He was just a writer with his ink and his page