



TOITOI

STORY SEARCH

Write a story or poem inspired by 11-year-old Leon Fenemor's incredible artwork of the fires in Nelson published in Toitoi 15.

You may submit in English or te reo Māori.

Send it to submit@toitoi.nz and include your name, age, school and a parent/teacher's name and contact details.

Submissions are due on July 5, 2019.

We will publish the best story in Toitoi 17 with additional illustrations by Leon.

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Above the Blaze

Throb, throb, throb

*The rotors beat against the rancid air
Weaving in and out of the smothering smoke
The sound engulfed in the merciless blanket*

Trying to extinguish the raging inferno
Trying to calm the monster
Trying to evade the combusting maw of fury

Throb, throb, throb

*The rhythm of the mighty machine
Runs through the pilot's body
In time with his racing pulse*

Courageous pilot
Calculating risks
Confronting Mother Nature's wrath from above

Throb, throb, throb

*The onlookers' hearts pound
As they watch trees fall into a sea of flame
The merciless beast gets ever closer to their houses*

They fight for their animals
They fight for their homes
They fight for their town

Throb, throb, throb

*The heroes fight the fire
The fire fights the heroes
Who will win?*

Words by Daniel Lovewell, age 10
Pictures by Leon Fenemor, age 11

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