

Here is Honor-Mae's winning poem, inspired by Seamus Heaney's poem *Digging*, which explores the relationship between the poet and his ancestors. In the same way, Honor-Mae's poem explores *Connections*, the theme of this year's Rotary Young Writer's Competition:

Connections

For six hundred years we've ploughed the fields.

We've sown the seed and harvested

The field, from dawn to dusk,

In the rain, wind and sun.

We've tended our crops

By hand, horse, machine,

And blessed the plough

On October's eves.

From father to son,

From boy to man,

The traditions of the land

Have been passed hand to hand.

The cattle we've herded,

The flocks we've watched,

From Shropshire to Warwickshire

With just a few stops.

The traditions of farming,

They run through our veins

They never retire,

They die of old age.