



This Is Just To Say


LHS Creative Writing - 2020-21 (S1)

Even in their brevity and occasional levity,
these poems speak to universal truths.
We hope you enjoy them.



With apologies to William Carlos Williams, we tried our hands at reworking his iconic poem:

Students first analyzed WCW's poem for its adherence to the tenets of creative writing and the elements of free verse. Then, Mrs. Scozzafava modeled how to retain WCW's structure and use imagery and enjambment while maintaining originality and making sense. Finally, students created their own "This Is Just To Say" poems.



This Is Just To Say

I have eaten
the plums
that were in
the icebox

and which
you were probably
saving
for breakfast

Forgive me
they were delicious
so sweet
and so cold





This Is Just To Say

I have bought
the bathing suit sets
that were \$117
each

and which
you probably
did not
want me to buy

Forgive me
they were so pretty
expensive
but pretty

Jacey Bongiolatti '24



This Is Just To Say

I have been wanting to try
the juicy blueberries
that you had here
Where did they go?

and which
I put in the fridge
I saved you some
so no one could steal them

Forgive me
if they are too cold
I like my blueberries cold
they are delicious

Renee Quesnel '22





This Is Just To Say

I have cancelled
the interview
for the internship
with your company

and which
you spent so long
to set up
just for me

Forgive me
I was terrified
I wouldn't have done well with it
Anyway

Madison Carr '21





This Is Just To Say

I have found
the giant
box full of
skittles

and which
I decided
to eat some now
and save the rest

Forgive me
I'll be the one yacking
tomorrow morning
not you

Cooper Laure '24





This Is Just To Say

I have tricked
the mice
that were pacing
in the pantry

and which
you were
too afraid
to attempt

Forgive me
they were evil
and I know
you don't like death

Cameron Murphy '24





This Is Just To Say

I have forgotten
the material
you taught me
this year

and which
is vital to
my survival
in the real world

Forgive me
it was so overwhelming
so difficult
and so burdensome

Sophie Perkel '24





This Is Just To Say

I have finished
the books
that were sitting
on my bookshelf

and which
emptied out my bank account
and left me feeling empty
and upset

Forgive me
if I seem out of it
because my favorite character
is dead

Alyssa DiLeone '24





This Is Just To Say

I have just opened
my new Lego set
that you got me
for Christmas

and which
you were expecting
that I didn't know
I would be receiving it

Forgive me
for peeking
behind the wrapping paper
when I shouldn't have

Landon Noah Cahill '24





This Is Just To Say

I have jumped
the fences
that were blocking
the skate park

and which
you probably
thought was
impossible

Forgive me
they were very tall
challenging
and painful

Cooper Laure '24



This Is Just To Say

I have told
a secret
about
your life

and which
I was supposed to keep
inside my
brain

Forgive me
it was nimble
so slick
and so slippery

Sophie Perkel '24



This Is Just To Say

I have slept
through period 1
where they did
a formative

and which
I did not
study for
and would have failed

Forgive me
I am sorry
I "forgot"
to set my alarm

Jacey Bongiolatti '24





This Is Just To Say

I have fled
the city
while you
were asleep

and which you were
unaware of at the time
but you may not
see me again

Forgive me
I just can't stay here
so challenged
and so alone

Lathan Salvi '22





This Is Just To Say

I have forgotten
the entire afternoon,
and the rest of the day too,
and maybe the rest of the week

and which
I am trying
to remember
but such a task isn't possible

Forgive me
I know it makes you angry
but I'm doing
my very best

Anonymous





This Is Just To Say

I have painted over
the sketches
that were carved
into your vanity

and which
you were probably
proud of
in their simplicity

Forgive me
they were fading
and drawn
with a pocketknife

Madison Carr '21



This Is Just To Say

I have eaten
the homework papers
that were sitting on
the counter

and which
you were probably
saving
for your class

Forgive me
they were just sitting there
so tempting
and I am just a dog

Alyssa DiLeone '24





This Is Just To Say

I have lost
the keys
you gave me
to your house

and which
I promised
to use
to see you

Forgive me
they are so tiny
so small
and so consequential

Sophie Perkel '24





This Is Just To Say

I have opened
the breakout rooms
that took me ten minutes
to set up

and which
you'll probably
get kicked out of
as soon as you begin working

Forgive me
I had no idea
it would be
this hard

Mrs. Scozzafava '80
(inspired by @MelissaETucker)

