







# 2018 - Bus Lines Poetry Selections

## Bus Exterior Signs (King)

**Morning garden: most colors,  
his mother told,  
are not as they look to you**

CX Dillhunt

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**Madison** Monona Terrace  
Es muy grande, tienen muchos pisos  
Jugando, conociendo, caminando  
Al lado del lago  
Memorial Union

Jorge Ortiz  
Grade 3 Nuestro Mundo Community School



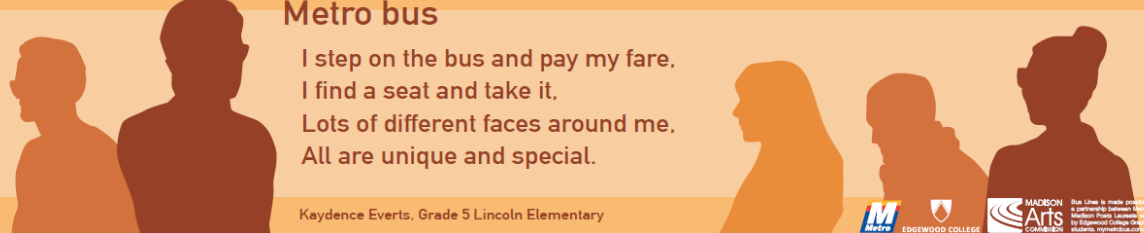






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**Metro bus**

I step on the bus and pay my fare,  
I find a seat and take it,  
Lots of different faces around me,  
All are unique and special.





Kaydence Everts, Grade 5 Lincoln Elementary

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**Like a drop of water  
on a hot, hot griddle  
State Street sizzles  
in my heart like home**

Kathleen Ruel

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**Summer sent me an invitation:  
My party dress is filled with starbright sunlight  
and ruby red roses  
My hair is a festival  
Come dance until the fall**

Nur Almeida - Wiesner, Grade 1 Van Hise Elementary






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## Bus Exterior Signs (Tails)

There's no special place where all the dreams begin,  
Your dream can happen right now.  
If you search deep down within.

*Bernita Smith*

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Haiku 522

**Love** is like a tree  
**Wind and earth** strengthen the trunk.  
The tree **always** wins

*DJLP*

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**Vida Magnífica**  
Siempre Badgers.  
Hogar significa corazón,  
La subia de Bascom,  
Cada día con pasión,  
vivir al máximo.

**Siempre Badgers.**

*Sophia Madore*

**Magnificent Life**  
Always Badgers,  
Home means heart,  
Going up Bascom Hill,  
Every day with passion,  
Live to the limit.

**Always Badgers.**

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Madison is an evergreen tree growing  
a bigger community  
Madison is a whole new  
dimension full of fun!  
Madison is a lollipop of  
memories

*Jacob O'Neill  
Grade 2 Muir Elementary*

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Forget the forces that got you beat,  
and this young wisdom take:  
go where the cheese-head hipsters meet  
in concert with the pulsing street  
to bike around the lake.

*Maxwell Rosales*


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## Transfers

Madison: A place, a path to your dream  
You be you  
You do what you think you can  
You take your path  
to your dream  
Liana Ferm, Grade 2 Lowell Elementary


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Madison isn't the biggest city  
Or the richest city  
But to me and maybe you  
It truly is the friendliest city I've been to

Art Paul Schlosser

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To Be Featured Online (2019)

**Ciudad de Madison**  
**City of Madison**

Yo no naci aqui.  
I was not born here.  
pero aqui he vivido,  
but here I have lived,  
y aqui mis hijos nacieron  
and here my children were born  
y entre mas te conosco  
and the more I know you  
mas te quiero.  
I love you more

Tus lagos,  
Your lakes,  
tus caminos,  
your ways,  
tus parques escondidos,  
your hidden parks,  
tus eventos familiares  
your family events  
y tus lugares especiales  
and your special places  
hacen que me sienta  
they make me feel  
orgullosa de ti.  
proud of you.

Por tu gente tan alegre  
For your people so happy  
y tu gran diversidad  
and your great diversity  
que te hace una ciudad  
what makes you a city  
unica y especial.  
unique and special.




Marisol Gonzalez Rodriguez

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A large graphic advertisement for Metro Transit. The background is a light gray gradient with a large, faint silhouette of a baseball in the center. The baseball's red stitching is rendered in a vibrant red color, curving across the top right and bottom left corners. At the bottom, a black silhouette of the Madison city skyline is visible, with the Wisconsin State Capitol dome as the central focal point. The text is centered in the upper half of the graphic.

**Concerts on the Square**  
**Mallards games at the Duck Pond**  
**Favorite Madison things**  
Hywania Thompson

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# Metro Transit

Madison, WI

Home goes by many names,  
but they all mean the same.

Whether it is a place  
or a person's face.



When you are there you feel  
that some one cares  
about when you live and die,  
and I can promise you that is no lie.

**Amelia R.**

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# Metro Transit

Madison, WI

Weary riders silent  
streetlights blink through the windows  
Homeward bound

Joshua Mitchell

A stylized illustration of a red bus with yellow windows and a red door, set against a dark blue night sky. Three streetlights with glowing yellow circles are positioned above the bus. The bus is on a dark green ground line.

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The logos for Metro (a blue 'M' with 'Metro' below it), Edgewood College (a green shield with 'EDGEWOOD COLLEGE' below it), and Madison Arts Commission (a white 'A' with 'MADISON Arts COMMISSION' below it).



## Istmo/Home

Mendota, in Dakota is *B'dote*  
mouth of one river meets  
another

Monona, in Ojibwe is  
beautiful

Istmo is land between two  
waters

Home is just translation *pues* -  
You make it with your  
tongue.

*Si digo lago, istmo*  
see  
*si decimos*

*Ousconsun, es nuestro*  
ya.

Dana Maya



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# My Man

**Madison My Man**

your colors fill my heart. the lakes,  
the diversity, the people within you make  
me smile though I may sometimes feel  
unsafe I remember you are safe ground.  
Less dangerous than the south

**Madison My Man**

I go to school I meet the loveliest of  
people I live in a house where in one  
month we have more than 2 parties.  
The beat of reggaeton in the speakers and  
we all dancing to SHAKY SHAKY, our hips  
moving to the magnificent sound of  
suavemente.

**Madison My Man**

the love I perceive is the one that you  
keep with plated medals. Winnings I seek  
but also the love in JMM is what I seek.  
Your diversity, your colors, your spirit of  
nature and alive make me happy as I walk  
through the capital in the walkout for gun control.

**Madison My Man**

not only does the weight of your spirit  
make me happy it also gives me courage  
to let down my walls and face my fears

**Oh Madison My Man**

can your weather be nicer than it is?  
Cause I for sure like this weather. It is like  
a rollercoaster it goes up and then back  
down. The most amazing thing is how  
everything is unexpected it's like

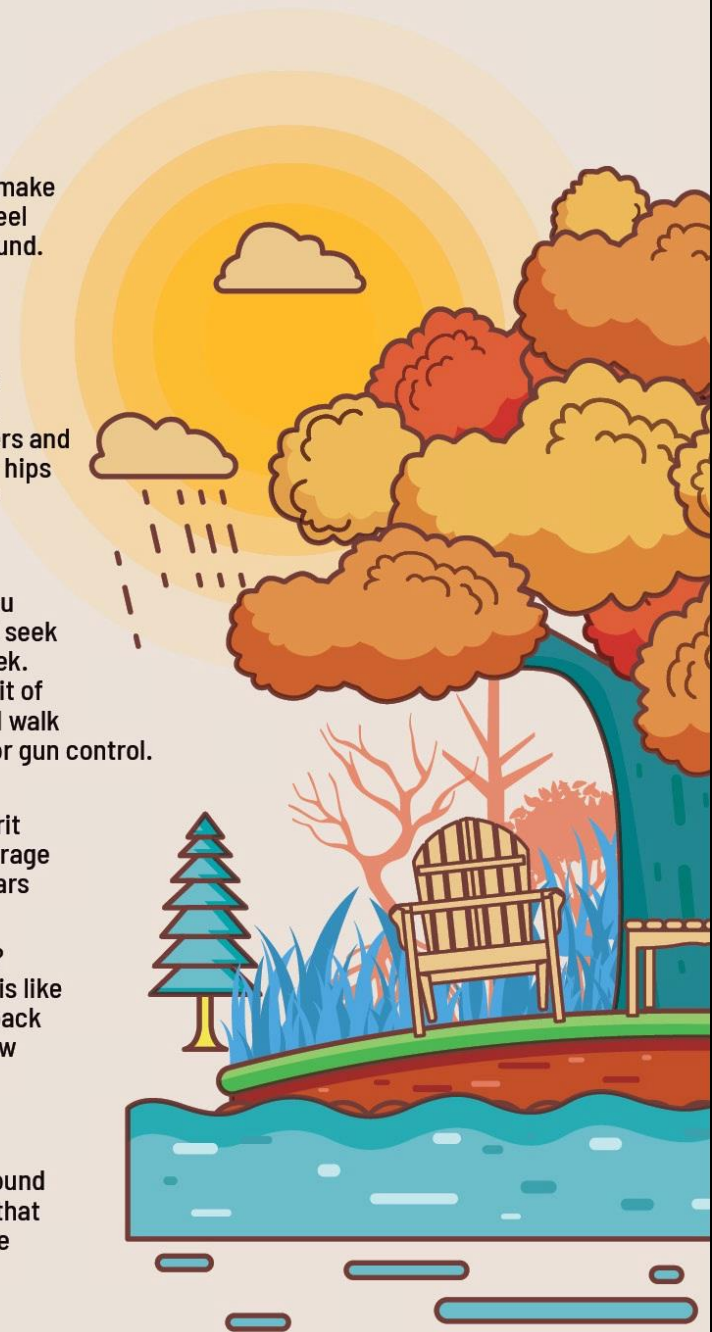
**Madison My Man**

was made for me  
for us, for those that seek a safe ground  
to live and progress. For the hearts that  
have been burnt to healed and revive  
by the touch of someone else.

**Madison My Man**

I still lie under your lips  
in your chest waiting for you to kiss me, I  
plead. Madison My Man.  
I hug tight for this is what you do  
you hold me like a song through the night

*Yanci Almonte*



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## What Home Means to Me

To be a respectful, loyal child, to love my parents,  
to take care of my property within  
where I live.

To do chores  
while keeping in touch with my responsibilities  
while having fun at the same

This is what home  
means to me!

Axel Hernandez Garcia, Grade 5 Olson Elementary

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*Home*

**is when you feel safe**

*When*

**you can get away from everything**

*Home*

**holds memories of the good and bad**

*Home*

**is where you wish and hope it comes true**

**Maribel Mendoza**

**Grade 6 Sherman Middle School**



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## Girl Got Game

The girl who blew it  
Also got through it  
But never knew it

She was too busy dancing in the rain  
With all her thunder she began to wonder  
why anyone would dare to complain

All she saw was  
lovely  
Though they called her  
ugly

She was completely  
unafraid  
So she raised her  
voice  
And made a  
choice  
Than she won some game  
that only boys played

Ali JaNae Muldrow




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## Ride Guide Ads (2018-2019)

Sometimes seen past as an automatic function that causes this city to breathe  
 Granted, we do move instinctively  
 Appearing in silhouettes of abandoned warehouses, retired factories and empty parking lots  
 Now relocated, renamed or the same  
 Listen closely you may hear the echoes of our parent's names within Morse code of time cards  
 Find them trading what feels like thankless for hours  
 Pouring themselves into molds of aspirations  
 For next generations



Faustina Bohling

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**I love Madison**  
 it is like no other home  
 it has a beautiful view  
 just jump up and say

**I love Madison**  
 Madison is love for you and me  
 it has room for everybody  
 if you come to Madison you know  
 it's your place  
 Madison has everything you need

**I love Madison**  
 Jinal Shah, Grade 2 Muir Elementary



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**We travel by BUS**  
**Cada día viajamos juntos, no nos tememos.**  
**We travel together cada día de vida.**  
**Viajamos juntos as passengers of life.**  
**We see each other as friends; cada persona es mi amigo.**

**We Travel by BUS**  
**Everyday we travel together, we do not fear.**  
**We travel together every day of life.**  
**We traveled together the passengers of life.**  
**We see each other as friends; every person is my friend.**

*Kathryn Kleckner*



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**La tierra**  
**Mi casa tiene una alfombra verde, un techo de nubes**  
**Me da todo que necesito, mi corazon esta lleno alli**  
**Siempre puedo sentir la calidez reconfortante**

**The earth**  
**My house has a green carpet, a roof of clouds**  
**It gives me everyting I need, my heart is full there**  
**I can always lay the comforting warmth**

*Olivia Reuter*



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The black ice on lake Monona  
groans under my boots  
like a whale mourning the ocean  
or an oak spreading its roots.

Luana Monteiro



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ROSES ARE RED, SKY IS BLUE

I JUST WANNA SAY,

I LOVE MY HOUSE TOO.

RAVKIRAT KAUR, GRADE 5 OLSON ELEMENTARY



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## El Crepúsculo en Madison

Extensiones de azules y verdes  
La cadencia de Mendota y el ritmo de Monona  
Puestas de sol ardiendo con brillo  
Bailadores espumosos entre las olas

## The Twilight in Madison

Extensions of blues and greens  
The cadence of Mendota and the rhythm of Monona  
Sunsets burning with brightness  
Sparkling dancers among the waves

Kelsey Stimes



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## Mi precioso Madison

**M**useo do Geólogo  
**A**mistad  
**D**iversión  
**I**nteligentes  
**S**on queridos  
**O**bservaciones  
**N**uestro hogar

Kimberly Alvarez-Lagunas  
Grade 3 Nuestro Mundo Community School



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# Metro Transit

Madison, WI

## Madison

Hermoso, apasionante  
Alimentando, descubriendo, volviéndose  
El nicho está esperándote  
Mi hogar  
La joya de Wisconsin  
Lago Mendota  
Sube Colina Bascom  
Come el queso

Sameer Pardiwala



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