



1st Prize
8-10 years age
group

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Title: Flying Emus

Judges Notes:

"Very imaginative storyline, great use of rhythm and rhyme."

"A favourite for originality."

Flying Emus

The emu started to walk, not making a sound.
The only thing that was heard was her feet on the ground.
She started to sulk, then she started to cry.
Then she started to walk and look up at the sky.
Then she said "Oh why, why, why can't I fly? Like the bird that goes by, or the hawk
in sky, oh what I would do to go up there and fly.

But the emu just heard a noise, it was very loud.
It sounded as noisy as a full rock band crowd!
But it wasn't a rock band, it was a plane!
With an ostrich driving it! He must be insane!
The ostrich went over to her, but he did not fly.
Why didn't he fly thought the emu. Why, why, why why?

"Hello", said the ostrich. "What is your name?"
"My name is Oscar, I just keep it plain."
"My name is Emu", she said with a smile
"I have had that name for a very long while."

Then the emu asked "Why didn't you fly, you've got two sets of wings."
"Oh" replied Oscar. "I can't fly with these things."

"But now do you see other birds can't fly too?
Do you not believe me? Then let me show you."

Oscar said "There's the penguin, which can't lift a wing.
But under the water, oh boy can they swim!"

"Wow" said the emu

"Other birds can't fly too!

You were telling the truth. It is true! It is true!"

The emu asked "But I still want to know, why we can't fly?"

"We can go in my plane" said Oscar.

"There's room for you and I."

"I will actually fly!" screamed the emu with joy.

"I will actually fly! Oh boy, oh boy!"

"Get in the plane!" shouted Oscar. "We're about to leave!"

So the emu got on, and with a push and a heave

They were up in the sky!

And emus could fly!