**9 - 11 Years**
**Poetry Reading**
**Can I Sit There? By Anvi Patel**

*This Speaker navigates friendships at school.*

I entered through the school gates,
Feeling absolutely great!
Sli[[ing down the school halls,
I ran when I heard the bell call.

In front of my desk was Clara Hamm,
I remember her from Instagram!
She's definitely NOT the friend for me.
There's a girl beside her, who is she?

With a face full of blush, it's Olivia Cooke,
Her make-up hacks keep popping up on Facebook.
I'll have to look somewhere else.
This is getting really intense.

Oh, there's the cool smart boy, he claims,
His Snap story was really lame.
No surprise, he's got a dog,
Cheesy pictures all over his blog.

At the front of the class is the Tiktok queen,
She's only 11 but pretending she's a teen.
I'll never find a friend to be part of my pack,
Hold fire, there's one more person, who's that at the back?

Incognito, it's Amelia Leed,
She's really shy and she likes to read.
Before class started, I ran up to an empty chair.
I smiled and asked Amelia, 'Can I sit there?'