Thoughts of a Child

Emily A. Francisco
Gettysburg College, emily.a.francisco@gmail.com
Class of 2014
Thoughts of a Child

Author Bio
Emily is a junior Art History and English with a Writing Concentration double major and is minoring in Studio Art. Hailing from Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Emily currently runs the Playwright’s Circle workshop for the Owl and Nightingale Players and was a founding member of the college’s first Poetry Circle. She is also a regular writer for The Forum (Gettysburg’s Only Independent News Source). Despite her busy schedule as a (hopeful) writer and artist, Emily is a member of the Owl and Nightingale Players and SMuT (“Student Musical Theatre). In her spare time she works on her portfolio for Emagine Design, her freelance graphic design business.

This poetry is available in The Mercury: https://cupola.gettysburg.edu/mercury/vol2012/iss1/34
Thoughts of a Child

Emily Francisco

If I hung on the monkey bars
just like this,
with my head dangling on a string
and my arms falling like spaghetti,
what would happen?

Would my head fall off?
Would it drop to the ground
with a clunk?
Would it sit in the sandbox
hollow neck towards the sky
like an adobe water vessel?
Would it catch starlight
and sunbeams?

What would happen
if I hung upside down
just like this?