Natalie Deiner is a high school artist who has grown up in San Francisco her whole life. She became interested in art as a toddler and has carried that with her growing up. For this series, she was inspired by her experiences with each of the places in the poems and how she felt while she was there. She contrasted linework with calm colors to represent the unique blend of the busyness in San Francisco and the pockets of calm, such as the waves on the beach, the trees in Golden Gate Park, or the lights coating the city at night. She hopes that these places will continue to be appreciated by all.
The Wondrous San Francisco Zoo

At the San Francisco Zoo you will see tall giraffes, buff gorillas, and loud goats. On a rainy day, make sure you wear a raincoat.

At lunch, it’s time to eat Nutella sandwiches, sit on the grass, and talk. If you want to see the ferocious lion, you’ll have to go on a walk. When the day is done, visit the gift shop and buy an animal tote!

Jennifer Lopez
Age 10
The Botanical Gardens

Droopy trees, a fresh breeze, and small water streams. That’s the botanical gardens.
Koi fish swim under your feet, and swans fly over your head.
Miso soup is served and steamy tea is poured.
Wind chimes flow and the scent of jasmine blows, tickling your nose.

Koi fish swim under your feet, and swans fly over your head. Every step you take is a soft creak on the tall wooden bridge. Wind chimes flow and the scent of jasmine blows, tickling your nose. The flowers stain the tall, green grass. That’s the botanical gardens.

Maya Van Artsdalen
Age 13
The Rhythm of Baker Beach

You’ll hear the waves under the Golden Gate Bridge
You’ll hear the seagulls sing to each other
I hear the calm waves soothe my soul
I feel the cool air gently hug me
You’ll feel the bright sun on your skin
I feel the magic water touching my feet

Vanessa Rodríguez
Age 9
I Like Chinatown

I see signs with symbols that glow.
I see people selling dragon fruit,
a green flame with orange and pink skin,
and a light clear white on the inside.

When I go to Chinatown,
I miss my cousin.
We had good memories there,
like the first time we ate tofu and soup.

I love the red lanterns that look like pumpkins.

Jake Dominguez
Age 8
What You Get at Bernal Heights

Scattered bricks with lights
It's like no other city view
It's quite refreshing
Sunset is warm with a cold breeze
Night sky clears and city lights blur

Abner Valencia
Age 16