

## Jellies

Like ice cream on a summer day  
jellyfish will melt away  
as the sun grows hot and hotter  
if they're stranded out of water.

These fascinating blobs of gel  
have no bones and have no shell.  
They pulsate as they jet propel,  
or at the mercy of the tide,  
hitch a ride.

Let's have healthy, wholesome seas  
for living treasures such as these  
translucent purple, milky blue  
jellies you can see right through.  
Some are so clear they disappear,  
but like a crystal chandelier,  
they more or less...  
...fluoresce.

Let's have no spills of oily fuels  
to hinder all these jelly jewels  
that light up in the deep.  
But do not touch or you may weep,  
because those fragile trailing things  
are tentacles with nasty stings.

Small fish are very much surprised,  
because they never realized  
that they'd be stunned and paralyzed  
to satisfy the hungry wishes  
of voracious jellyfishes.



# We're All in the Telephone Book

by Langston Hughes

We're all in the telephone book,  
Folks from everywhere on earth—  
Anderson to Zabowski,  
It's a record of America's worth.

We're all in the telephone book.  
There's no priority—  
A millionaire like Rockefeller  
Is likely to be behind me.

For generations men have dreamed  
Of nations united as one.  
Just look in your telephone book  
To see where that dream's begun.

When Washington crossed the Delaware  
And the pillars of tyranny shook,  
He started the list of democracy  
That's America's telephone book.



1 Which sentence BEST states the central idea of the poem?

- Individuals are of equal worth.
- There is much to learn from history.
- Leadership is a rare and unusual talent.
- The power of wealth is often underestimated.