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1st Place – Landon Paskett

10 years to life the sentence said
Then they entered the rooms without even a bed
A punishment cruel no matter who to
Stuck in the darkness with nothing to do
Fifty-seven escapes out of five hundred tries
Any who enter are soon bound to die
Many caught in a day like Williams and Meeks
Most of the rest found in just a few weeks
The Idaho Penitentiary: a fortress-like jail
Where misery lurked with each moan and each wail
But criminals each of the prisoners were
And were there for being a murderer
Or other crimes that were equally bad
With people that have truly gone mad
Justice the Old Penitentiary brang
Even if lives were ended with a hang

The Idaho Penitentiary has a mournful history
But even still – it means a lot to me.

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1st Runner Up – Joseph Sellers

The Old Penitentiary

The Penitentiary is very old,

Its walls are very bold

The Penitentiary has a women's jail,

It also has one for a male

The Penitentiary is very creepy,

Its stairs are very creaky

The Penitentiary is very stinky,

So hold your nose with your pinky

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Honorable Mention – Olivia Thomas

Guarded by walls of cold stone,
The Old Penitentiary stands,
Circled with towers for guards,
Guards with iron-grip hands.

The prisoners from here have long since died,
But their terrible souls still rest inside,
And make you want to run and hide,
Far away from the Penitentiary guides.

As for some, they'll stay away,
But as for me, I'll go one day,
And feel those terrible souls, I may,
In the Old Penitentiary, but I'll be okay.

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Honorable Mention – Destiny Winn

Yellow is the color of the sun when it rises.

Brown is the color of the blood hounds that watch me.

Black is the color of the bars that slam shut on me.

Blue is the color of the prison suit I put on.

Grey is the color of the cells I go into.

White is the color of the freedom that I wish for.

Gold is the color of home I yearn for.