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1st Place—Gunner Campbell

Old stinky showers

Looking at home-made weapons

Don't want to stay after dark

Playing in the gun museum

Everywhere are creepy prison cells

No one gets locked in the cells anymore

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2nd Place- Joe Tacke

Old Pen

A long time ago

they built the Old Pen

A place where women and men

lived as prisoners.

It was a sad and isolated place

Where people tried to escape

at their fastest pace.

Some got shot

Some got put in Siberia.

Some people are fierce.

Some people are cruel.

But everyone makes mistakes,

just don't be a fool.

That's the Old Pen.

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3rd Place- Lily Tacke

Reflect and Revise

I'm stuck in this puny room

and it's rather dull.

It all happened because I stole.

I decided to be cunning.

Then I was running,

only to be caught by the law.

Now I'm quite lonely.

I would rather be in a park

or at a zoo, staring at an aardvark,

instead of in the dark

in this old penitentiary.

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Honorable Mention- Yssabel Mitra

The Old Idaho Pen

The Old Idaho Pen has interesting history,
But some of it is quite a mystery.

All the men, both great and small,
Had to be tattooed, to mark them all.

The Old Idaho Pen had 13,000 inmates, wow! That's a lot!
I don't think that many cars can be in a parking lot.

About 12,500 of the 13,000 were men,
That would be a lot of tattoos then.

These are a few facts about the Old Idaho Pen,
I hope you visit it again and again.

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Honorable Mention- Bowen Campbell

Old Pen

My Aunt Amber works there

The guards made sure no one got out

Big jail, Small cells

They hang them if they're bad