



THE QUEEN'S
COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2017

Junior Runner-Up: Ry Galloway, 10, UK

My peaceful place is on a lilo in a pool

Lying lazily on my vibrant lilo...

The magnificent, motionless view
spreads before me like a cat standing its ground

The blazing sun sooths and strokes
At my skin like liquid silk

The ultramarine water beneath me
Ripples with refracted sunlight like stained glass

The many hued iridescent butterflies
Flutter precisely like fragile clockwork

The dusty leaved olive trees undulate
In the cool Spanish breeze

The invigorating taste of ice pink cloudy lemonade
Invites me like a lion to its prey

My amber tinted sunglasses
Carmelise my view like toffee

I plunge into the serenity of a book
Like a deep sea diver

The minute swallows dip and dive
Like hand gliders skimming their shimmering
Reflections on the surface

The aromatic fragrance of rosemary and lavender
Hangs in the air like a memory