

**Putney High School**

**Ovid Competition 2023 Creative writing entry**

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King Erysichthon made his slaves,  
Travel through land and waves,  
To cut down Demeters oak,  
Because this king had gone rogue.

This King did not believe,  
In gods, goddesses, Adam and Eve,  
The king's daughter was very wise,  
She tries to stop him; she tries and tries.

But Erysichthon continues with his evil plot,  
But did it go well, no it did not!  
Demeter punished him with a curse,  
That made his hunger worse and worse.

His daughter was put into slavery  
Demeter liked her bravery,  
So, Demeter gave her the power to shape shift,  
As an extremely and very kind gift.

She made money to get some food,  
Her father was still in a bad mood,  
For his hunger was getting worse and worse,  
As he used all the money in his purse.

Nothing he ate could cure his hunger,  
He couldn't take this any longer,  
One day he was eating too fast,  
He ate one of his fingers off and let out a gasp.

For it tasted good,  
like normal food should,  
He ate his body to the core,  
And then he was no more.