**八年级（下）英语第2周 第1课时**

**Module 2 Unit 1 学程拓展**

**一．请同学们阅读文章，了解Linda参与竞赛的经历。**

**$ 1,000 FOR YOUNG VANCOUVER POET**

Sixteen-year-old Linda Ho from Richmond, Vancouver has won the British Columbia ‘Young Poet of the Year’ competition, with her poem Whale Song. Linda, from Steveston High School, takes home a prize of $1,000.

Linda has already written about 30 poems, but she has never entered a competition before now. ‘It was a big surprise for me,’ she says. ‘I didn’t expect to win.’

Linda says that she thought of the poem when she came out of an elevator and saw a painting of a whale on a wall. ‘But sometimes I get ideas for poems when I’m walking on the sidewalk, or when I’m on the subway,’ she says.

Linda has already decided how to spend the prize money. ‘A web camera for my computer, and some books by my favourite poets.’ Linda has just done her school-leaving examinations, and she hopes to go to university to study Marine Biology. ‘I haven’t decided about a career yet,’ says Linda. ‘But I’d like to work in something to do with the sea, for sure.’

Linda also wants to keep writing poetry. ‘I’ve won one competition, it would be nice to win another one!’

1. 请同学们欣赏Linda的诗。

**WHALE SONG**

Have you seen the whales yet?

Have you heard their song?

A quiet day. A boat. A whale.

A sea of blood and death.

A fight, a storm, their work is done.

Twelve men are out of breath.

‘A thousand bucks for each of us.

It’s time to celebrate.

The biggest one we’ve ever caught -

We’ve never felt so great!’

Have you heard the whale song?

Have you felt the pain?