

# ***Grace and Her New Piano***

**Sophia Rebholz**

Cheat Lake Elementary School, Monongalia County

Teacher: Kelly Wadsworth

West Virginia State Winner

Second Place, Grades 1-2

Grace was a seven-year-old girl. She loved her grandmother's piano. Every weekend she played a new song. Her birthday was coming up and her grandmother promised her that she would get her a grand piano. It was the day before her birthday! Grace was so excited! She could hardly wait! Even though it was time for bed, Grace did not want to sleep! The next morning, Grace got up and got dressed. Then she ran down the stairs. Her mother said, "Happy birthday!" So did her father. It was almost time for her party. All of her friends came over with gifts but her grandmother had a huge gift! After dinner and cake and everything was done, it was time to open presents. She got all kinds of cool stuff and then she opened the biggest gift of all. It was a grand piano! She loved it so much!

A few weeks later... her grandmother died. At her funeral Grace was very sad. She would never get to play a song for her! "I miss her so much," said Grace. After the funeral, Grace played a song that made her sad. The song was called "Love is With You".

Sometimes in the spring, Grace felt like her grandmother was with her. Even one winter day when Grace got sick, she could feel her grandmother's hug so she felt much better. From that day on she would just play that song.

Eventually, she played a lot of songs. Grace grew and grew and now that she is an adult, she lives in an apartment and has a husband and two kids, too. She is very famous and still writes many songs but none of them mean as much as "Love is With You".