"Festival, A Great Experience" By: Patricia Alvarez

Festival is a great experience everyone should enjoy. While you wait in the dressing room, you feel the rush and suspense while you're listening to the orchestra play. You start to daydream about how you will do and look on stage. Sometimes you think you are going to trip and fall and humiliate yourself. Of course, then it turns into a nightmare instead of a daydream.

You wonder how your friends are doing on stage, if your parents will be able to see you on stage. You wonder, "Will I forget my steps?!" You can hear all the overlapping shouting or talking of the teachers and students. You hear lots and lots of hairspray cans rattling. You hear everyone talking about how the performance was or how it's gong to be.

The butterflies in your stomach are growing and growing and getting longer every second until you are called to stage. You see the groups that are in front of you in the wings wearing their costumes. As you stand in the wings, you realize this is it; you're about to go on stage with the bright lights hitting you perfectly.

While you walk on stage getting into position, you look out at the audience and you feel like a star. All your butterflies have suddenly vanished. Then your music starts.

You begin your routine and you feel in control of your steps or moves and you realize you are doing fine. All the hours of training paid off you say in your mind. When the song or routine ends, your take your final position. The audience cheers and claps like crazy!

You don't ever want to leave the stage because of how much love and accomplishment you feel.