

**Original Nature Poetry inspired by Gary Paulsen's Woodsong.**

**Demoralized**  
by Tayeb

Demoralized deer  
Running away from wolves  
Scared terrified frightened panicked  
Deer  
The demoralized deer  
Scary  
Scary wolves  
Trying to catch the frightened deer  
Bloodthirsty hungry starving ravenous  
Wolves  
The scary wolves  
Terrifying  
Terrifying woods  
Just standing there  
Stationary dark unlit dull  
Woods  
The terrifying woods  
All these words just make me feel  
Frightened  
Terrified  
Horrorified  
Scared but  
Most of all  
DEMORALIZED.



**Otherworldly**  
by Jonathon

Crash!  
The ice is breaking.  
Cracking, cackling, changing.  
  
Yelp!  
The doe is sinking.  
Slipping, sinking, scared.  
  
Snarl!  
The wolves attack.  
Ripping, roaring, roaming.  
  
"Stop!"  
The man shouts out.  
Weeping, wailing, watching.  
  
Grunt!  
The wolves look up.  
Snarling, stepping, straightening.  
  
"Mush!"  
The man leads his sled dogs on.  
Remembering, riding, resting.



**Tranquil**  
by Keely

Peaceful forest  
Lovely trees  
Snowy white sight  
Not a sound, not a murmur  
I, the musher, smile "idiotically",  
But there is still no sound  
Because it is a peaceful forest.



**With a partner, look at these three writers' Woodsong-inspired poems. Discuss these three questions:**

- 1. Which poem's word choice strikes you as the most interesting?**
- 2. Which poem felt most successful in making the reader feel the intended emotion?**
- 3. Which poem is closest to being done, and which poem might benefit from a bit more revision?**