

# “All Dried Out”



**Daniel Levy**  
Eleven-years-old  
Los Angeles, California

Energetic, creative, and thoughtful. That is how 11-year-old Daniel Levy describes himself. He lives in Los Angeles with his mom, Julie; his dad, Jeremy; his brother, Adam; and his sister, Maia. As a student in Ms. Petra’s fourth grade class at Crossroads Elementary, his favorite subjects are math, art, drama, P.E., and sometimes writing. He has many friends at school but insists he’s not popular. “I just get along with everyone,” he says. Less than ten years down the road, when it is time to be a grown up, he admits he really doesn’t know exactly what he wants to do. He tosses around the idea of being an artist, working in a body shop customizing cars, or working in a field where he is able to be hands-on. But Daniel really doesn’t want to think about growing up right now. He just wants to be a kid. The kid who likes a little bit of blues, some punk rock, and a lot of rock n’ roll. The kid who participates in an array of outdoor activities—bike riding, skateboarding, football—and is good at all of them. The kid at Halloween who doesn’t dress in anything cliché, rather something out of the ordinary like Jack from the Jack in the Box fast food chain. But more than anything else, he’s the kid who doesn’t take life for granted and at an early age is sensible enough to say, “I just want to live life.”