Lyrical Picture Books (in no particular order):

*Cloth Lullaby: The Woven Life of Louise Bourgeois* by Amy Novesky and Isabelle Arsenault

*The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson and Rafaél Lopez

*The Promise* by Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin

*King of the Sky* by Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin

*Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall

*This House, Once* by Deborah Freedman

*On the Night You Were Born* by Nancy Tillman

*The Blue Songbird* by Vern Kousky

*Walk With Me* by Jairo Buitrago and Rafael Yockteng

*Before She Was Harriet* by Lesa Cline-Ransome and James Ransome

*Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters* by Michael Mahin and Evan Turk

*Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen and John Schoenherr (because it’s timeless!)

*Eeny, Meeny, Miney Mole* by Jane Yolen and Kathryn Brown (also timeless)

*Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal

*Over and Under the Pond* by Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal

*Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal

*If You Want to See a Whale* by Julie Fogliano and Erin Stead

*And Then it’s Spring* by Julie Fogliano and Erin Stead

*Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova* by Laurel Snyder and Julie Morstad ("Spare, poetic words sit as lightly as snowflakes."--Wall Street Journal)

*A House That Once Was* by Julie Fogliano and Lane Smith

*The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles* by Michelle Cuevas and Erin Stead

*The Night Gardener* by Terry Fan and Eric Fan

*Singing Away the Dark* by Caroline Woodward and Julie Morstad

*Me and You and the Red Canoe* by Jean Pendziwol and Phil

*Windows* by Julia Denos and E. B. Goodale

*You Belong Here* by M. H. Clark and Isabelle Arsenault

*Sequoia* by Tony Johnston and Wendell Minor

*What You Know First* by Patricia MacLachlan and Barry Moser

*Whistling* by Elizabeth Partridge and Anna Grossnickle HInes

*Finding Wild* by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Abigail Halpin

*The Whisper* by Pamela Zagarenski

*Step Gently Out* by Helen Frost and Rick Lieder

*If I Had a Little Dream* by Nina Laden and Melissa Castrillon

*Florette* by Anna Walker

*Once Upon a Northern Night* by Jean Pendziwol and Isabelle Arsenault

*An Egg is Quiet* by Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long

*Swirl by Swirl Spirals in Nature* by Joyce Sidman and Beth Krammes

*On a Beam of Light* by Jennifer Berne and Vladimir Radunsky

*The Little Yellow Leaf* by Carin Berger

LYRICAL FIRST PAGES:

*Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen and John Schoenherr (1987)

*It was late one winter night,*

*Long past my bedtime,*

*When Pa and I went owling.*

*There was no wind.*

*The trees stood still*

*As giant statues.*

*And the moon was so bright*

*the sky seemed to shine.*

*Somewhere behind us*

*A train whistle blew,*

*long and low,*

*Like a sad, sad song.*

*The Little Yellow Leaf* by Carin Berger

*It was Autumn.*

*In the hush of the forest*

*a lone yellow leaf*

*clung to the branch*

*of a great oak tree.*

*Before She Was Harriet* by Lesa Cline-Ransome and James E Ransome

*Here she sits*

*an old woman*

*tired and worn*

*her legs stiff*

*her back achy*

*But before wrinkles formed*

*and her eyes failed*

*before she reached*

*her twilight years*

*she could walk for miles*

*and see clearly*

*under a sky lit only with stars.*