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A Covid Sonnet, on Good Friday

The doctors tell us viruses are "shed"
By aerosols and droplets we can't see.
There's not much we can do to stop the spread;
Like tears, the germs flow uncontrollably.

When one gets sick, we want to place the blame.
We ask, "Who sinned? This man? His mom or dad?"
But isolation's not a cause for shame,
And Covid doesn't strike because you're bad.

The virus might have spread through me -- who knows?
Asymptomatic vectors all could be --
Infectors, though no signs of sickness show.
Does that make me a sinner, Lord? Not me!

Forgive us, God, we know not what we do:
A prayer for vectors -- and for sinners too.

- Mr. Dan Everson, S.J.

Dreams

Do we all have a dream? Is that dream a goal we have to accomplish to be happy?

I want to fulfill that dream because it is all I wish.

Sometimes I work towards that dream more than I work on other things.

After working hard towards that dream, I finally accomplished it.

I feel elated and peaceful. I am above the world.

The way I feel after reaching a goal that I have been working toward for so long is unexplainable. I feel as calm as a sheep.

I guess working hard towards a dream is all worth it, after all.

The dream reached out its hand to pull me closer to it every day.

Day by day, I was hoping that I'll reach that goal someday.

Closer and closer, we strive to get there almost every day.

- Armani Tafoya

QUEEN

Don't go talking to me like you're my friend.

She knows the real you, the one messing with people psychologically,
the one who likes to build people up just to break them down

You told her she was your queen but really she was just your pawn
you told her you wanted her but really you just messed with her.

But listen up the queen is back she's not playing any games
now she's the one messing with you psychologically
she can't be brought down with words

She grew up in Colorado

a latina trying to build her life

every step she took she felt like it was disappointing

You could hear her crying in the middle of the night.

Her dad working hard, her mom messing with another guy.

She didn't know what to do, her mama's secrets breaking her physically and emotionally but she stayed quiet like a good little girl.

Then middle school came around.

Nobody liked her so she kept quiet, keeping her feelings hidden.

By the end of 8th grade she was broken but nobody knew.

From 6th to 8th grade nobody liked her but she built herself up to be a queen.

She got 9th grade.

She thought she found the love of her life but really he just played her.

He convinced her that she wasn't good enough

but she knew he self worth

she took a break and focused on herself

now she feels like a queen again

But that didn't last long soon

She became unmotivated

She became lazy due to putting up an act

But one day she will be a queen again

- Khiana Hernandez

Untitled

May we never forget the importance of the human bond.
With no love we are empty beings merely altering a shell of our potential.
Might we learn to grow, and remember what binds who we are.
No being is born without a concept of connection.
Why do we deny ourselves this necessity?
Do we want to feel connected to our world?
Or are we wasting the time we have until we are truly asleep.
Know that love is all we have.
Fill the time we have with peace, and prosperity.
Do what might make your life something worth enjoying.

- Liam Swagahan

Depression and Quarantine

You feel all alone locked up in your house because of a virus that is going around
You feel trapped with no way out
You just want to go out to breathe
You want to live life without having to wear masks in every store
You want to go out with your friends without having to be cautious about who is 6 feet away

- Anonymous

Poem 1

Confidence does not run deep
through my skin I have oceans
of insecurities within.
I will not let my impurities take over my skin
for I thrive to be confident
once again.

Poem 2

Heart racing hands shaking heavy breathing uncontrollably thinking about anything and everything that can possibly go wrong Your eyes are tearing up you can't stand up your stomach pushing back you know you want to fall to your knees but you know it'll be best if you just hold back, what will people think? You're a mess that's all they see, all We crave is attention because that's what we seek. I try to be free, free of what people think free of my own thoughts telling me I'm not good enough, you will never succeed, you'll just dream and dream but never achieve. I'm trying my hardest can't you see I'm sorry I'm not perfect and I know this just isn't me when can I live normal stress free anxiety free keeping me from living, living my dreams. My personality is too big for the world to see. I shut down and try to breathe and hopefully I make it through the day and focus on myself. I have too many roles to play masks to change, my mind haunts me. What are they trying to tell me what they need? I can't breathe you're suffocating me. How is one supposed to be what they want to be if you don't set them free. I don't understand why you're keeping me. I can't concentrate. I'm trying to get all these unnecessary things that the teachers are telling me I need in order to succeed, so let me take these notes because you're taking over me. I won't remember this chemistry or how to get the relative frequency my anxiety has taken hostage of me. People usually say just breathe and stop thinking but I've tried and how does someone being suffocated breathe damn I wish it was that easy it's time to accept that anxiety is my reality.

- Sirena Walters



- Raul Aguilar

Thinking Before Sleeping

Thinking about the day
When I can't sleep I look at the stars
Thinking what to say
Until my thoughts come it all stops

I become awake
Asking questions
I overthink
And fall deep

What did I say?
Am I really mean?
Why did it have to end this way?
How can this be?

These thoughts don't let me sleep
I look at the stars and think
Why does this hit so deep?
I see the time and blink

- Joshua Dimas Garcia

Time

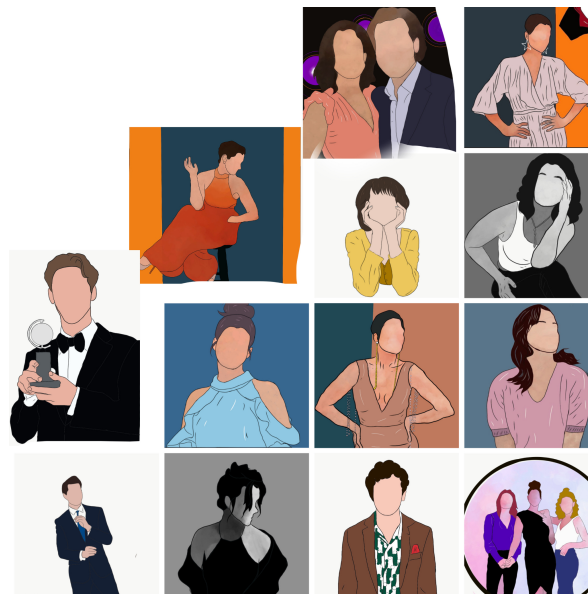
Everyone says time flies
You don't believe it
Then it hits
Where there is more than time
And we are stuck
Stuck within ourselves
And stuck with the rest of the world
Then before you know it
It's been a year

- Allatzeny Marquez

Changes

Within just one blink everything changed.
Not the sky
Not the road
Not even the animals or nature.
Life changed with just one blink
School changed
People changed
Stores changed
Lots of overwhelming changes that caused stress and worry
Wanting to get outside and with people again,
but life unexpectedly changed.
A year has gone by and things are starting to somewhat go back to normal.
There it is changing again slowly but surely

- Anonymous



- Justice Martinez

Online

Trapped behind a screen
Don't know if it's just me
Kinda wish I was in 3D
Every day is a battle just trying to be seen
Not trying to be mean my education is key
Take away what is mine mute yourself so I'm not part
Say you forgot
My heart is pumping because I'm lost
Blindsided but told to walk
Try not to be distracting

- Iyana Whitfield



- Armani Tafoya

Futbol

I play futbol
Not soccer
People change from their origins
Culture is a given Gold
So why switch it out for silver

- Alen Lupercio

(Don't Say I Didn't Warn You)

...and there she was, ready for the beginning. How beautiful the end might be.

An hour feels like an eternity, but she never gave herself the chance to know what that might be...

"Hanging there is my destiny, and nothing is an obstacle", she thought.

Nothing, waited in the mirror for an hour.

Nothing happened, Nothing saw, and Nothing did not help.

...and for an hour, everything seemed ok.

-Nothing, the one that sees and understands but is of course, nothing.

- Eduardo Avila

Dark Nights

Most people feel frightened by the dark
Afraid of what they can't see
Trying to avoid it when they can
Most people enjoy the light
Never wanting to leave the brightness
But when you truly take it in
You can truly start to recognize
The beauty that the dark holds
It has the sense of calmness and peace
So when the Sun goes down
And The Moon Rises in the sky
Remember that it's just a start
And to truly appreciate the darkness

- Anonymous



- Justice Martinez

My Quarantine

First my quarantine didn't
Start off well and it felt like
The whole world fell
I did not have a haircut
And it was not very fun
I had an afro and just my phone
With no food all i i did was moan
And groan because it was boring with just the phone.

- Anonymous

Family

Family is always here. Cozy and loud.
Knowledge learned values gained.
More valuable than what money could afford.
Will always be there.
The place where you will grow and be who
You are.no better
Place than being home.
Family is a valuable family.
Full of traditions and values.
No one likes family

- Daniela Caldera Padilla

How the Pandemic Affected Me & Us In General

Almost 1yr ago
We were in the normality
Till we found out about a virus
And It was called Covid
It started out normal we were aloud to get out & enjoy
It started getting worse & worse
So we had to quarantine
And I questioned myself
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO I CAN'T LIVE IN MY HOUSE ALLL DAY EVERYDAY
So all those days were really rough
It was also tough
School was hard for me
& basically everything

- Laura Fernandez Rodriguez

Building Dreams

I dream of being an efficacious
architecture and business owner
I have that dream that every human has ever desired
And I want to be that survivor

To be rich and famous
I'm short on cash, I'm hard-up, I'm broke
We all dream of being someone in life
I'm going to stretch in a never-ending line to reach my dream.

Life can be tough and intricate
My dreams keep me progressing
We all need to be motivated
My dreams fill up my soul
My passion for construction is
As deep as the ocean

Take advantage of your resources
I dream of being able to become wealthy
And with a family
I've been grappling on to my dream

- Miguel Villalon Acosta

No one to come find

Trapped seekers, Undercover weepers, overthinkers, and superstitious blinkers. They all have no one to come find, they all dry up and wine close behind, supplicating that talking is frightening. An immortal belief. A vicinity of doubt, A better adversary to my helpless ego. The skies fill with tears when they kill the light of day. Light of day, letter by letter, I write to have everything go away.

- Eduardo Avila

2020

Bye bye 2019...
2020!
Happy new year...
2020!
This year is my year!
2020!

Or so I thought...
2020 it still feels weird writing about it
like it was all a crazy dream
But it's not..

I still remember that day
The day where I herd about the new virus
Coronavirus or Covid-19

No one thought it would come here
No one thought about face masks
No one thought about cuarentine
No one thought of online school
No one thought it was going to get this bad
And it did

The last day of school
To most students it was ok
To me.. No so much
"Did you hear that, we might get 2 extra weeks of
spring break..."
"Wait really.."
"Yeah.. I'm so excited.."

The 2 "extra weeks" turned into months
"Hey did you get the email that were going to do
online school"
"Wait really not me I just have to turn in assignments"
"Lucky"

Some people were devastated... some were excited
I was not..
I knew It was going to get bad..
I was mandatory to use masks now
It was mandatory to stay home
I was mandatory to social distance

People were dying left and right
20,000 new covid infections
The zeros... there was more..
No one was safe

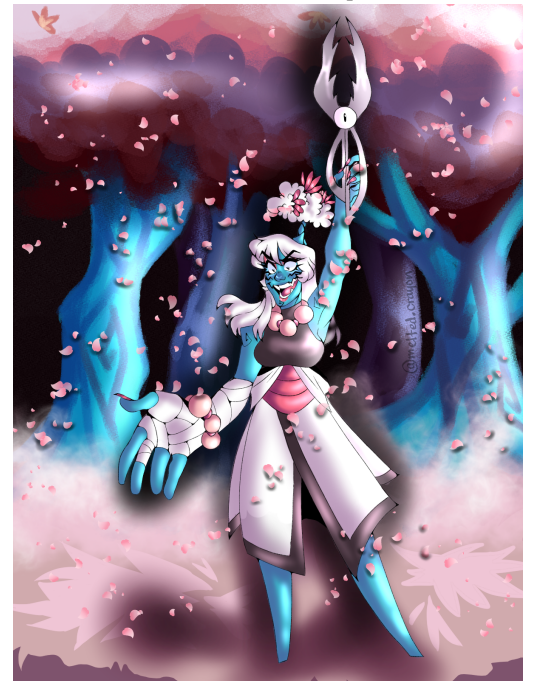
My family stayed hidden we stayed home
We were safe
We were ok
Maybe quarantine was not so bad
It was..
Because my dad had lost his job...
He got sick...
It was a stomach infection...
Nothing too bad...right...
Covid-19
Positive...

My life as I knew it was gone
My whole family positive to covid
Except me
I had to go to the store alone
take care of my family alone

I hoped, prayed, anything
For it to go away
I would do anything for it to go away
And it did
We all got better

2021
Happy new year!
I hope this year is my year

- Maria Cuaquehua Arenas



- Aubrey Masdin

Free From You

A lost individual.
A foster kid

You are a demon
Man of the worst kind, women for the fire.

You harm the gifted, and break the fixed.
A switch that is fragmented.

The shadow in the reflection, a crack in my brain.
A paper to staple.

I'll give you a label,
of a lost individual.

- Anonymous



- Justice Martinez

What Leads to Success

What is a lion's mentality,
He is not the fastest that's a cheetah,
He is not the strongest that's an elephant,
He is not the smartest that's a monkey,
A lion has a mentality of a king
There is no people who were born different,
Its people who have a strong menatlity that leads them to success,
Some people have a mind of kings,
There is now elevator to success there is only stairs that you have to fight trough
The mentality to be whatever you want,
If your going through hard personal situations don't let life and bad things win you gotta fight through it like a man
possessed ,
When you beat depression, anxiety, life situations raise your arms up like a champion,
Never quit until you succeed



- Cristofer Galindo Ortega

Dreams

A dream is like a place to get away,
 During the night but not the day,
 Days dreams occur, but only rarely,
 Sometimes they can happen unfairly.

I've dreamt about you I've dreamt about them,
 Holding the inner silence within,
 When I wake I lay and think,
 What a dream I've had this week.

Dark or bright,
 In the day or night,
 I dream about things that remind me of you,
 About the ocean your eyes made of blue,
 The dreams I want to someday pursue.

- Jennifer Falomir Lopez

The Last of Us

One day is Love,
 One day is Hate,
 As the day passes my heart can't stop thinking,
 Your the reason I have a heart to speak to you,
 As the day passes my hate for you comes alive,
 Your attention that you don't give me is the reason of my hate to you,
 The Last Of Us,
 Was in the middle of nowhere
 The Last Of Us,
 Was when you don't put effort to show me your love,
 The Last Of Us,
 Was when you used me to forget about that person you talk over summer.

- Aremy Torres

TIME

Sometimes we feel like we are not moving at all
Sometimes we feel like everything is moving too fast
Sometimes we feel like everything is just right
But at the end everything is just as it should be
Sometimes we look at the clock and see just numbers
Sometimes we look at the clock and see a destination
Sometimes we look around and see how much everything has changed
But at the end everything is just right
Sometimes we smell something familiar from time before
Sometimes we smell the sweetness of life
Sometimes we smell the breeze of something good coming
But at the end everything is just right

- Samara Renteria Lopez



- Armani Tafoya

When The Sun Arises

It was the morning where I would have to get ready for school,
I would put on my uniform and get ready for a busy day.
Where my friends and I would group together and talk about everything.
There has been sayings that there is a virus
But we didn't think anything of it.
The Virus came along and swooped all of our plans and busy lives away,
No more routine, no more friends, no more sports
We had to stay away from others and had to be with ourselves
That's when I realized that I really didn't know myself.
Days passes and passed,
It felt like everything was so repetitive.
I felt like the sun never set
Quarantine had ended and I started to feel different
The sun finally arose

- Briana Renteria Lopez

Thoughts

You just took a shower
You're ready to rest
You're as still as a flower
This sleep is going to be the best

You're in bed
Trying to sleep
Then things start popping into your head--

All these thoughts are getting deep
I tell myself to sleep but my mind says no
Its reminding me stuff I did years ago
I also get weird thoughts like why is it called sand? -
Because it's between the sea and the land

With my eyes open, I overthink and overthink
Then suddenly I start to blink
I close my eyes and go deep
I did it! I finally fell asleep

- Christopher Casas

Above the Clouds

I look up
I see the sky
I see the clouds
I wonder what else is above in the sky
I wonder where birds love to fly to
If I were a bird I would fly away
High up into the clouds far far away.

- Paulina Villanueva

Your Name

Your name is what I aim to know.
When will I find out?
Perhaps tomorrow, perhaps never.
Like a curious child asking questions, the answers will never be complete.
Chasing like a rabbit but will never be caught.
But piece by piece, plucking petals from a flower, I will soon have my answer to your name.
But suppose the flower is faux.
How will I know?
Certain I am though, I know who you are

- Selena Flores Reyes

Moon and Love

When it is dark you are my light,
My beautiful big star, yellow and white,
leaves but always comes back helps me see at night,
If I were the moon I would want you to be my sky

- Chelsea Huerta Parra



- Ms. Britt

Dare to Dream

Do you have a dream?
Do you dare to dream?
All of my life I've been striving for success,
Each day I thrive for the best
Each day I strive to be fearless.

College is the main goal,
Oh, how will I ever get there without any fear?
Oh, wait I can't.
Oneirophobia,
Hard word to understand, Just like understanding
failure is a part of success.
Oneirophobia, AKA fear to dream In greek anything
can make you overthink.

Will, you chose to be brave like a lion?
Your dreams are hidden towards the back of your
mind.
Because fear is on the top of your mind.
Be as courageous as a baby bird flying for the first
time !

Your dreams are like your world,
They determine your next step in the world.
dare to dream,
And dare to be fearless.

- Jocelyn Sebastian Ocho



- Armani Tafoya

COVID Death

What if more people knew,
 There will be more safety.
 There would be more people alive,
 But it didn't go like that,
 The government didn't do anything until march
 And the death increase
 It's amazing how people thought it was a joke
 And the joke stops when people started to die
 We couldn't see our family member one last time
 We couldn't hug them one last time
 We couldn't say goodbye one last time.
 It was July and my family got COVID
 It was really terrible,
 You could just feel your body slowly getting sick
 The taste of the food is not there anymore.
 July 19, 2020
 We got a phone call
 It was my aunt,
 She said my grandma was in the hospital from Mexico
 Not even a week passed only 3 days
 And she left. That night we all didn't sleep
 My mom was crying and crying
 We were just there for her
 We don't see what's going on until someone leaves.

- Naomi Fernandez Hernandez

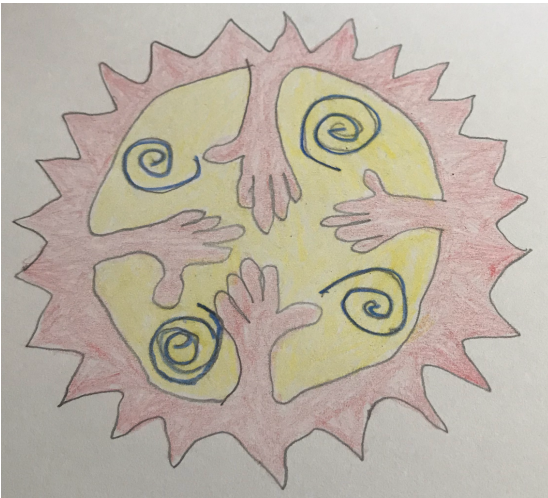


- Raul Aguliar

Stuck

We stay at home
Having to live life through a screen
I don't mind at all
As people's lives are at stake
But yet, I can't help myself from feeling
As if the whole world keeps passing me by
While I sit here
Stuck behind a computer screen
That feeds me information as it goes out the other ear,
Stuck to my chair as I look out my window
Thinking back to when life was 'normal'
Daydreaming of the day
That I will fit my definition of normalcy
As time continues to pass,
I sit at my desk as night falls
Ready to drift off into the night
Only to do it all over again

- Alejandra Arellano



- Armani Tafoya

Orange Juice (Emotional)

I watch youtube on a day while it was quarantine,
9 months,
I enjoyed watching danganronpa: goodbye despair,
Episode II,
One of my favorite characters,
Hajime Hinata
With **Orange Juice**,
Hajime Hinata looked happy with the orange juice,
It was like Hajime Hinata could take over orange juices,
Orange Juice,
I couldn't believe my eyes to see a not really happy character be happy with orange juice
I guess I should awkwardly laugh about it then..heh..heh..**heh heh**...

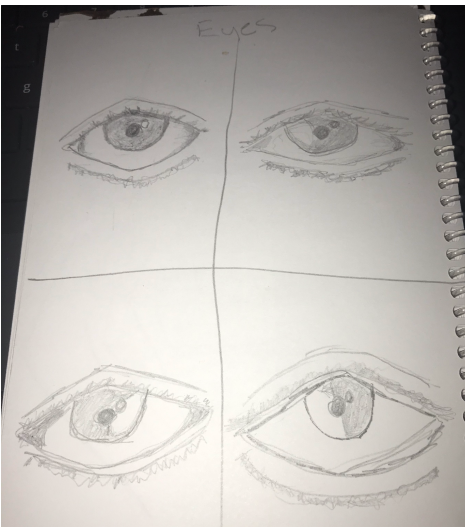


- Chantal Lopez-Hernandez

Glow Up Dreams

You are the only thing you need in life.
As I begin to await my turn
I keep my mindset intelligent as a chimpanzee.
Or as brave as a lion.
Whether my goal is to be an arguable player like Messi
I hate the criticism. I use music to block it out.
They gon love you when you down not when you up.
I need to strive for higher goals!
My mentality will always be on my own.
Can't wait for the day to reach the top like a Champion
Things are looking up I still remember looking down
It's too late the person that I wanted to be I already am

- Oscar Padilla Ortiz



- Armani Tafoya

6 ft Apart

Snow falls steadily
And I just want to look into your eyes respectfully,
All these video calls
Just remind me of what I can't have past these four walls.
It's like we have Cystic Fibrosis,
Staying 6 feet apart
But I just want to feel your heart
As it beats rapidly,
But this is all for our sanity.

- Anonymous

Early 2020

I miss the feeling of when we all were happy
Happy to hear that we would have tons of weeks of vacation, and yappy
Waking up and turning on the PS4,
Starting up Destiny,
And sleeping late at night
Until the sun shined bright

- Michael Aispuro Gastelum

My Dreams

My dreams represent my fears,
My goals,
My past,
And everything I want to be.

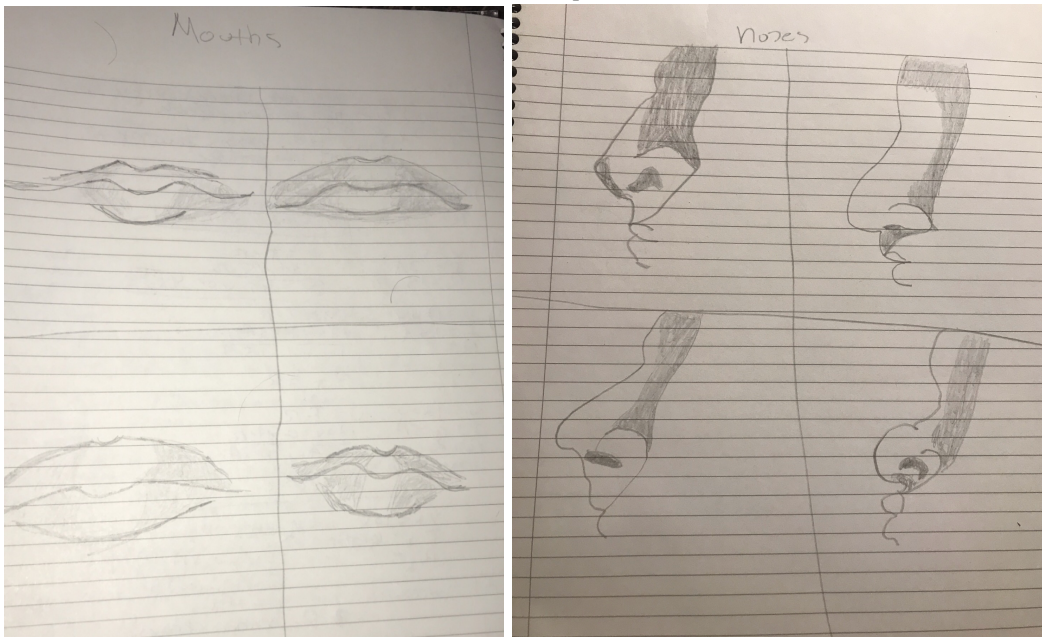
My imagination becomes free
Like a butterfly
Emerging from its cocoon,
Doors open
That lead to new ideas and thoughts
In my mind.

I can fly,
Travel, go to space,
And fulfill my wishes.

I can see my family,
Friends, neighbors,
And imaginary people

I like dreaming
I'm the only one that knows
What they are
They are special.

- Anonymous



- Armani Tafoya

My Best Friend

Imagine having a best friend who's always there for you, never gives up on making you happy, makes you laugh, gives you the greatest support, checks up on you every day, makes sure you don't give up at all, makes sure your doing well in school, makes sure your giving your best shot in school to succeed, never gives up on you nor the friendship, or never gives up on making you a better person than you were before. Just imagine having all that love to yourself and feeling so special you met someone just like her. Now imagine losing her... you would be lost right? You wouldn't really feel the same anymore because you just lost someone who meant the entire world to you, and who would always go through your highs and lows. Ok now let's stop imagining because I have this type of best friend and she's literally so perfect, I would never trade her for any other best friend in the world. She's the only bestfriend I would want and keep forever. And I wanna give her the biggest hug and thank her for literally everything she's done for me.

- Giselle Gutierrez-Molinar

What I Think About When I Can't Sleep

When I can't sleep I look up at the stars,
I turn on my music, the sound of guitars.
I twist and turn wanting to sleep,
But outside I can hear the jeep beep.

I think of all the fun we could have had
Now I think of you, laying down feeling sad.
We used to lay down looking up at the bright and shining stars.
We felt like walking on air from Mars.

All my thoughts are absorbing my brain,
There is so much I want to explain.
Deep down I want to tell you how I feel,
But my feelings I cannot reveal.

I rest with my eyes wide open,
Laying down feeling broken.
Thinking about all the things we could've been,
Regrets taking over, because I didn't win.

- Jocelyn Rodriguez Malagon

Endless Cycle and Clouded View



"Drip, drip. Drip, drip"
The light rain and dull light
Hit the window to my room,
Here I am once again,
An endless cycle,
Endless words,
And endless apologies.
A normal night,
Within my future's sight.
"Never again"
"Not once more"
My endless cycle,
What a bore.
Here I sit,
4 A.M.
30 missing assignments,
That never end.

- Ms. Britt

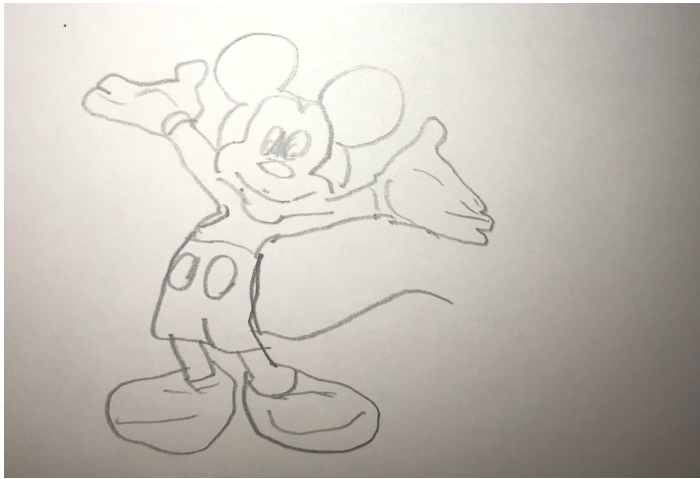
- Anonymous

Clouded View

Day after day,
Month after month,
There was no end to this ruthless hunt.
There was no defense,
And there isn't a reason.
We can't do much, but we can prepare.
We can prevent the deaths of someone for whom we care.
Wear your mask, wash your hands,
Don't go travel or make plans.
And yet that's "too hard",
"I can't breathe",
"I have to travel for Christmas eve".
People keep dying, so many sick,

Respect the restrictions and stop throwing a fit.
The pandemic is still here, you're just making things worse.
Ignoring the problem won't help it improve,
All you're doing with this pandemic, is helping it disperse.
We are being invaded, we are being attacked,
Millions of people are dying,
"Don't you get that?"
You've got blood on your hands, and lives within your grasp.
Please just follow the guidelines,
And put on your mask.
Locked up inside, with nothing to do,
This pandemic has clouded our view.

- Anonymous



Warmth

Oh my beautiful bean
You shine brighter than anything I've ever seen
Focus on me
Clear your thoughts
Oh my beautiful bean
You are perfect the way you are
There is no need to worry
Difficulty, there is no need to be sorry
Oh my beautiful bean

- Armani Tafoya

- Anonymous



- Leonardo Prado

Dear Moon

Dear Moon, how do you shine so bright?

As I sit in my car, I look up. I see your magnificent shine;
Which makes me forget about all my worries.
And I think to myself, how are you so beautiful?
It is as if God put a spotlight on you.

You are like a faithful star overhead,
gliding through the night sky, beaming so bright.
You're absolutely beautiful.

And I realize that I am not the only one.
The only one glaring gracefully at your beauty.
I know that across all the horizons,
across all the oceans, across every living thing..
There is someone else gazing at your beauty

And to be completely honest, I find that so magnificent.
I find it very comforting that I am not the only one.
The only one seeking your guidance and your wisdom.
Help me gain your confidence,
help me shine as bright as you.

- Vanessa Trevizo Huizar

Isolation

The isolation we feel it more the every
We feel during this pandemic
We feel it on a snowy day in winter
We feel it on a high rate fatality day in the US
But we feel it most on days of reflection
On a day seeing whether we are making
the right decision
We feel it on days that we see that we
didn't make the right decision
We feel it when that wrong decision is
judging your whole life
And then their day when the sun comes
out
We feel that the isolation fate and we
wee the light
We greet someone and we do a nice
gesture
We feel that we are not that isolated
Then we start to feel our gain of
connection and familiarity with the
world again

- Kayla Duran

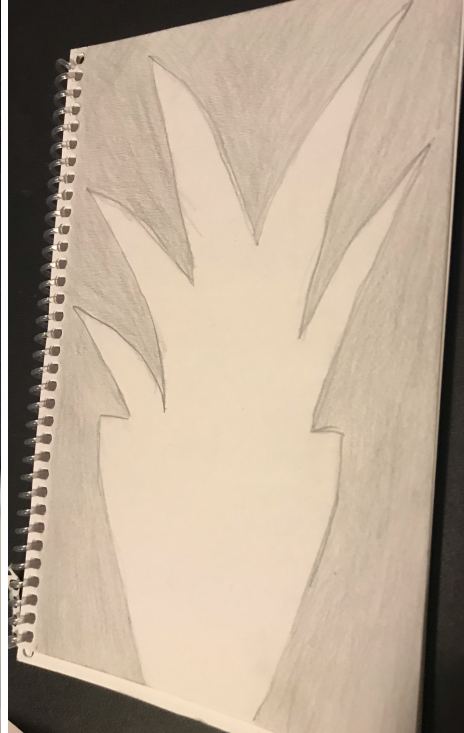
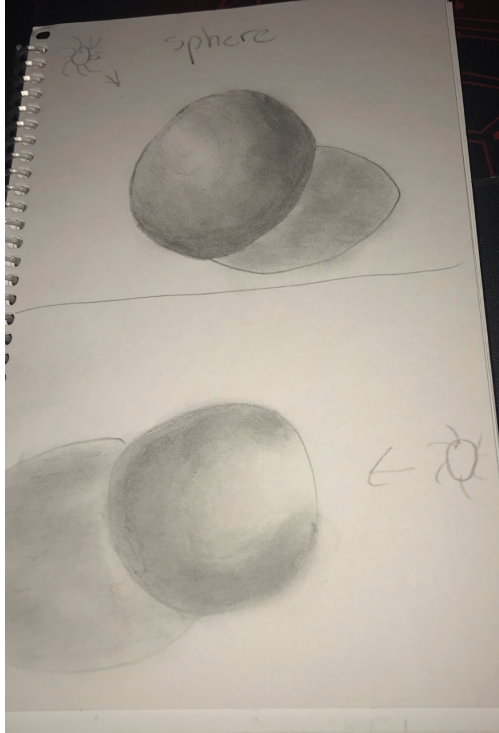
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Fly High

The only way to success is education
What we don't see is all humans are all doing the same
Open your mind and let your brain drift
The best type of marketing is marketing that that doesn't make you feel like marketing
It makes everyone feel like they have part of it
When it's done right everyone thinks its marvelous
We get fed ideas and we sit on them to rest
Parents trick kids with candy, toys, and santa claus
The same method is used to trap adult
But instead of candy its money, religion, drugs and alcohol
Some fight over cigarettes like a pack of dogs

- Anonymous

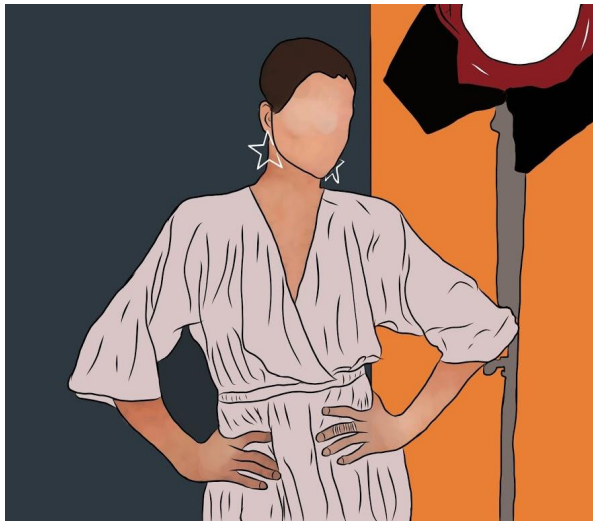


- Armani Tafoya

Dreams

Dreams
Dreams are visions
To reach high up and be on top of the world
Through happiness comes pain
Sometime you must hurt in order know
Fall in order to grow
Lose in order to gain
Because life greatest goals are learned through pain and happiness
You are a growing tree waiting to reach the sky
Waiting for all you leaves to grow
Knowing you will succeed

- Carlos Romero Lopez



- Justice Martinez

Being Human

There is never a "right or wrong" way to be human.
There is no wrong person to love or right thing to wear,
No right skin color, no wrong beliefs.
It's never going to be about the way you look or who you love.
It's going to be about the things you do, and the kindness you give.
The way you help others and the way you share.
Because that's what being human is.
It's being kind.

- Ashlyn Masdin



- Aubrey Masdin

Hope

It's crazy to see a year already passed by
Why so tragic and heartless we ask
Task it had and took everyone in half
Half present half hidden we where
Where this pandemic has cause our loves to sore
Sore are those people who lost their hope
Hope was what we had at the beginning but lost
Lost we are hoping for normality to pour.

- Jocelyn Carbajal

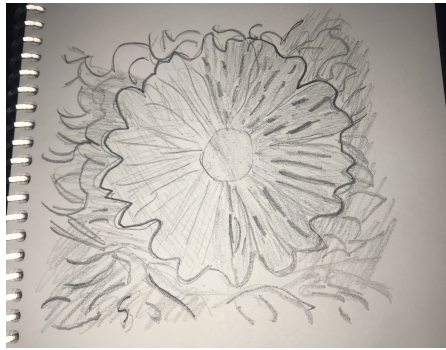


- Micah Lavoie

My Fear

There are days where I ask myself if I can do this , if the world is ready for me or am I ready for the world, there's this fear that crawls up my back just like how clowns do, just in thinking about leaving on my own scares me my mom did it for me she made who I am this day I can't leave or I can , maybe this is the reason why I'm failing in school because I push myself down I cant my mentality is everywhere , I need to just think right do right by my family make them PROUD , I will as soon I come over the fear of being a person alone in this world.

- Isabella Romero



- Armani Tafoya

The Life of a Teenage Girl

I can remember the good old days
When all we had to worry about was
Who was going to play outside
Coming home from school and watching Disney

Now, as I wake up at 6 A.M,
And get ready for school,
All I can think about is what people think.
Should I wear this?
Maybe this?

I worry about my parents
Do I make them proud?

What will they think about me?
I need to help them

After going from class to class,
Getting home is a relief
They ask, "What's wrong?"
Oh nothing, I'm tired
"From what?"

I guess school isn't tiring
From now on,
Let's put up a fake face
Remind yourself,
"I'm okay, I'm always okay"

- Valerie Antunez



- Raul Aguilar



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Draining

So, here I am.

Just, sitting here. Or maybe standing if I'm reading this elsewhere. Maybe lying.

Just existing.

Just being here.

Not even being here.

I'm on another plane of existence.

And that's how I go through my day.

Existing, and that's it.

Rarely, if ever, having any effect on others or anything.

A response, a gesture. Then back into obscurity.

Does it hurt? No. Not at all.

In fact, it's preferred.

Communication is lost, but when you don't want to communicate, what more could you ask for?

What more is there?

What else is there?

What else?

Fade. That's an interesting word.

I suppose I could just fade away.

Or walk away.

Walk away and leave, unnoticed.

Not quite invisible. Just...blurry.

Hard to locate.

Hard to pinpoint.

Hard to focus on.

Blurry. Not invisible.

Any oddity or outburst would be immediately visible to all.

Any controversy or mistake.

But nothing else, though.

What more is there to do? What else is there to do?

What more is there?

What else is there?

What else?

I have nothing to fill my days with but asinine, repetitive drivel.

I walk, but there are no footprints.

I stand, yet there is no pressure upon the ground.

I sit, but there is no creaking of the chair.

I lay, but there is no sleep. Yet, nor is there awareness.

There is only existence.

There are only assignments.

There is only work.

Until the bell rings, and I move on to my normal, casual, happy life.

Maybe I'm just tired.

- Page Winston

Society Through Our Eyes

We all have a different perspective of the world,
Whether is because of where you live,
Your experiences
Or just the people you surround yourself with,
We all see it differently

Some believe the world if filled with good
Others bad,
But is it one or the other?
The world is filled with so much bad,
cyberbullying, crimes, rape etc.
Some people are as cold as ice
But is it all bad?

There is also community services, proper school education, and so many other things.
Others can be as sweet as sugar.

This explanation might be as clear as mud but,
Is society all that bad?
Or just a combination of both bad and good?
I believe it is both.

- Anonymous

