

2011 Drew Hildebrand "It takes courage to change" Scholarship

Expressive Submission: Poem

*Why the Violence?*

Why are we fighting people our own age?

Are we not making life similar to living in a cage?

Using guns and knives to get our words across...

As if the decisions were as simple as a coin toss.

Innocent people are feeling the rage,

Getting stuck in the fire and cross of the blades,

Simply because of the colour of a flag,

Should a life not be of more value than a rag?

We choose our actions, we walk our steps,

So why not choose to end these deaths?

Instead, we need to open our eyes.

It is time for all youth to realize,

Our age, our race, our area of residence, it really does not matter.

We're all the same, trying to make our way up the ladder.

The ladder of life us teens are in,

The next generation is ours; do we not want to win?

The future is ours, it is what we make it.

So we shouldn't waste time trying to fake it.

No one ever said success came easy,

It's no cover girl, no easy breezy.

So start now, there is no time to waste.

Show everybody what you've got, we've been dying for a taste.