

## **Poetry First Place**

**“Rebound” by MaKayla Ramsay**

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The world as we know it has come crashing down,  
But not in the way where we ever hear its sound.  
Where has the innocence in our children gone?  
When did cursing and slurs leave our system redrawn?  
What happened to having conversations with friends?  
When did we decide that Snapchat was the trend?  
Historic events that could have helped save,  
Still led society to fall, to misbehave.  
It's a terrifying fact when you stop and think,  
That our planet, as we know it, is nearing its brink.  
Students scream as they hear the dreadful sound,  
One so recurrent, of shots heard round.  
When did such horror become the new norm?  
So much controversy, so much to transform.  
Social media has left us divided,  
Why can't we see that its content is one-sided?  
What happened to our nation joining together as one?  
When did political parties and fake news leave us all in stun?  
Our approaching downfall is ever so discreet,  
But if we do not make a change, the annihilation will complete.  
Everyday people mindlessly check their phones,  
To the point where AI could make us all clones.  
A lack of employees is leaving our economy hurting,  
It won't be much longer until this habit is alerting.  
Why do we side and say people are wrong?  
Instead of striving to simply get along.  
When did the youth see a rise in their flaws?  
Why is their faultless skin slashed from an unknown cause?  
How did photoshopped models engrave our brains?  
To the point of loved ones stuck with remains.  
I say this to everyone in hope of a change,  
Let us not see one another as inferior or strange.  
We're all players of an identical game,  
So should we individually be placing the blame?  
Our world as we know it is slowly crashing down,  
United, as one, we can make it rebound.