

Honorable Mention Poetry – Middle School

“The Letter”

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Once my father took a train
He went to who knows where
He said he had business to do
Called it an Uncle Sam affair

Time went by like a growing tree
Not a single letter sent
Until two men with envelope in hand
At the front door I had met

As my mother came down the stairs
And a look came to her eyes
It finally occurred to me
What I had feared and despised

My father would be coming home
Yet without joy nor embrace
But lying in a casket
With a flag over his face