

## Second Place Poetry – Middle School

### **Sunrise**

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Inky blackness, liquid darkness, filling all the spaces  
Creeping shadows, crawling night, into all the places  
Settling onto every feature, every being, every creature  
Every mountain, every tree, every hill, every sea  
Like an ocean, a tidal wave, sucking all the life away  
In the noiseless black  
The deepest part of night

But far in the dark, a small speck of life  
A little breath, a little light  
A little warmth, a little fight  
A fight against the inky dark, a fight against the black  
A fight against the shadows, the shadows that attack  
A brawl, a struggle  
A row, a scuffle  
That light is slowly winning  
A feud, a tussle  
A clash, a ruckus  
To start a new beginning  
The light is reigning, shining bright

Finally ridding the endless night

Orange and gold and white and yellow

Grasping the horizon

Reaching farther over the edge

The sun finally rising