

First Place Poetry – Middle School

“Family Photos”

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People cast in black and white.
Their eyes unblinking,
Faces unmoving.
Caught in a state of perfection.
Beauty in a fragile frame of glass.
Broken glass.
Frozen in time.
So much
Could be shared.
So many apologies
Could be whispered.
So many thoughts
Could be spoken.
So many fears
Outspoken.
Look deeper I beg,
Hiding behind
Their smiles,
Darkness captured in a single flash.
Perfection in a wave of pain.
Lost in thought,
Or lost forever.