



REJECTION

I'm rejected daily by those I love, By those who's opinions I hold above Everything else in this world so fair, Or sometimes not so fair.

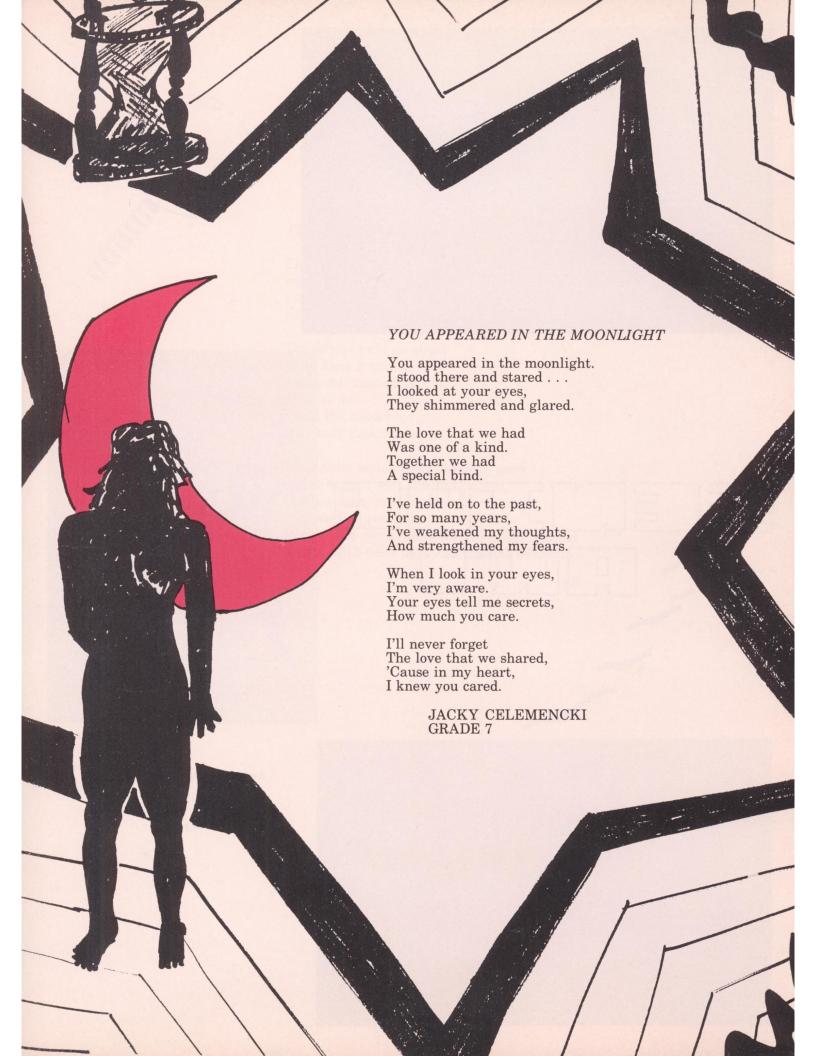
I don't understand what I did for this, That all these parties I must miss. To get left out of these social gatherings When I know I haven't done a thing.

All I ever wanted was to fit in. To be popular, pretty and thin. One of those everyone admires, who's energy and popularity never tires.

A fortunate child I never was, On the subject of getting along, my head starts to fuzz. If I could only decipher what it was I did, What was my crime, when I was a small kid.

I always had everything a child could want. Good clothes, a good house, though nothing I'd flaunt. That wasn't enough for my peers, Who forced me to listen to their taunts and jeers.

> JESSIKA DIAMOND **GRADE 11**











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THE CHILDREN

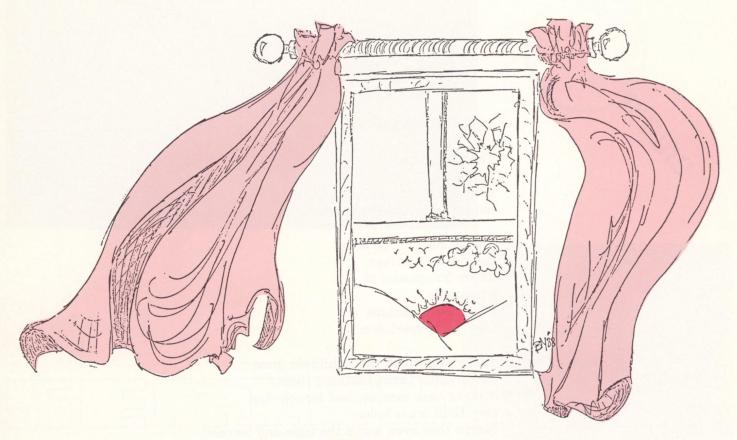
The children play innocently unaware of the dangers and hardships awaiting them later on in life.

The adolescents go about their daily routines aware but unsure of what to do about the hardships they may experience.

The adults watch their children grow encouraging them, teaching them, making each moment last for one day they shall leave home.

Maybe they even found the time and learned to cope with their past and present hardships.

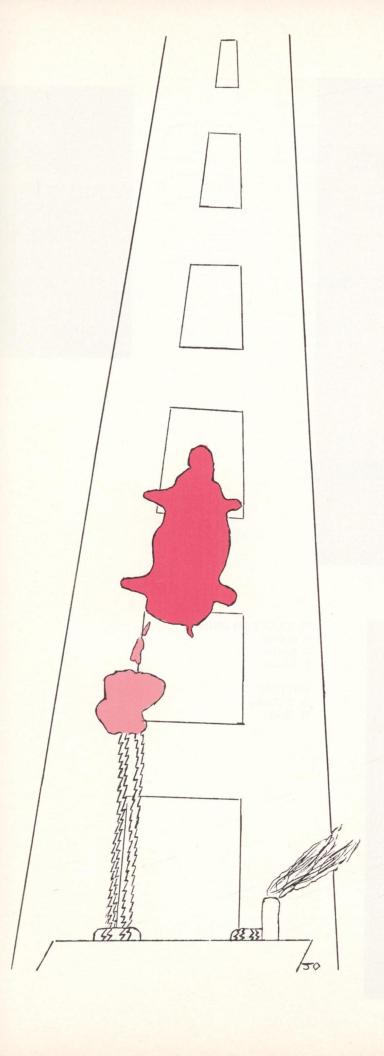
D.S.



MR. MYER'S HOMEROOM

In a room
With a window
Words imply precision
Numbers and units
We're objectively subjected
To Newton, Pascal, Kelvin
They were once men
Before their names
Implied precision
I wonder if their goal
Was to find themselves immortal
In calculations and formulas
Or did they sit
In a room with a window.

MARA GOLDSTEIN GRADE 10



TURTLE, MY DEAR.

Turtle my dear, You've left me forever. All our ties, We must now sever.

As you left me, My life drained away. And all you could do, Was go out and play.

You broke my heart, When you left me that day When I got my licence, I knew you would pay.

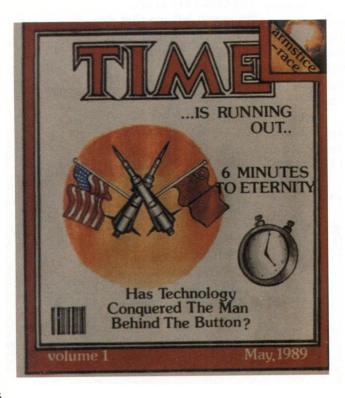
As you cross the road Completely unaware, Too bad you don't have, The speed of a hare.

Deep in my dreams, You lay in the muck. Because by MY hand, You were hit by a TRUCK!

SOREN SCHREIBER JESSIKA DIAMOND BETSY LIPES GRADE 11

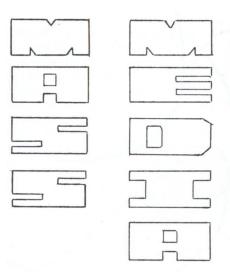


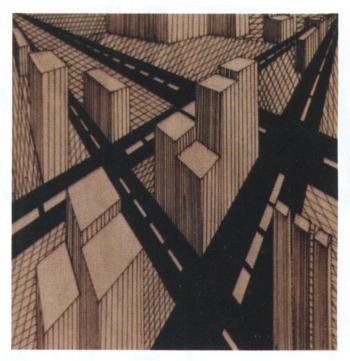




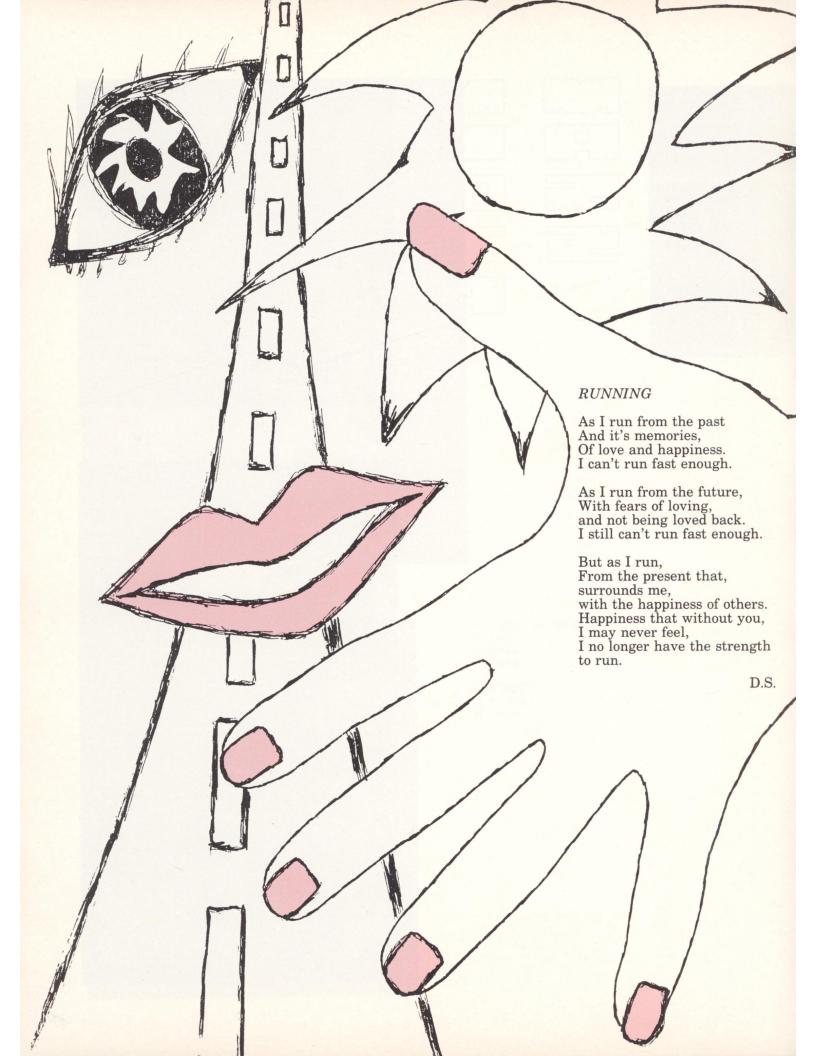
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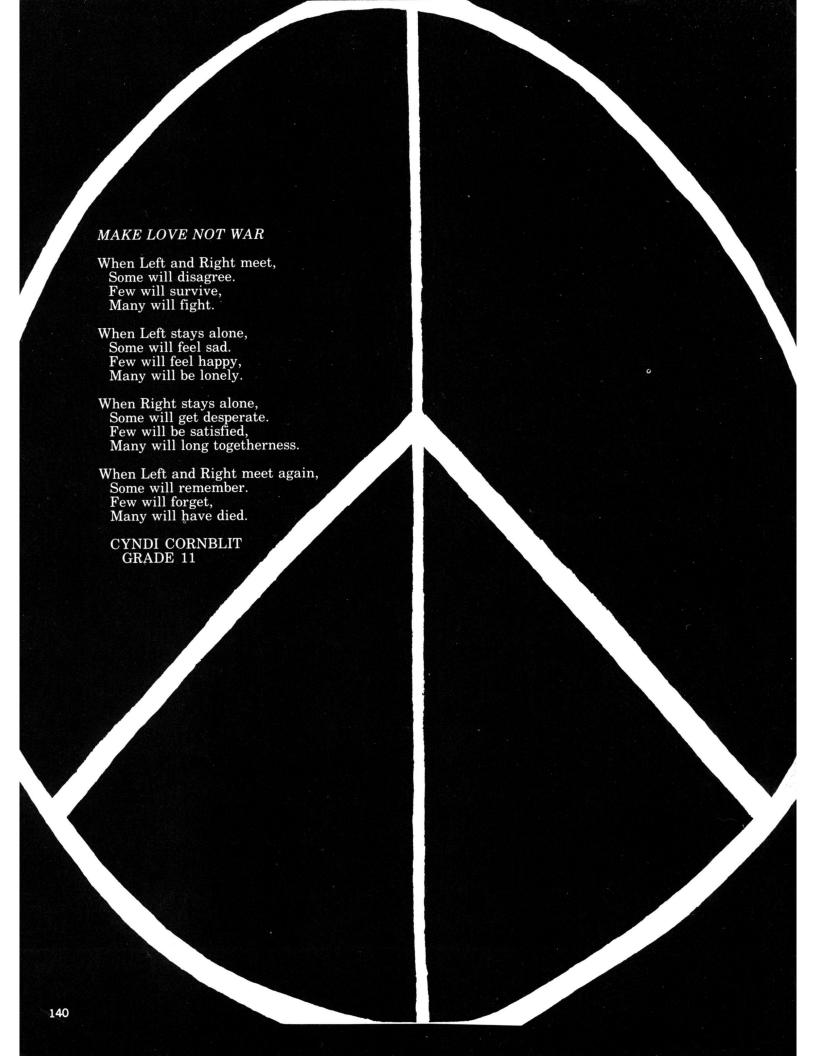
I WAKE UP AND DREAM

I wake up in the morning and dream of you. My vision so pure, reality so untrue. I see that you need something more than me, But if I let you go, will I ever be free? Free from pain, from doubt, from frustration. Released from guilt, the alienation?

I'm a coward because fear controls my decisions, Logic's too cold and my heart's been imprisoned. I must set a course for myself in my life. But first walk the edge of necessities knife. All I want is one more kiss to tide me through. Because in my dreams all I've got are memories of you . . .

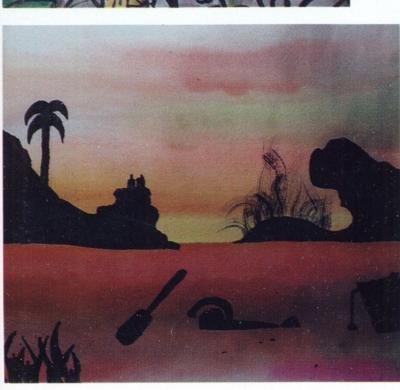
I hope you'll forgive my seeming rude . . . But this is more for love . . . than the Prelude!













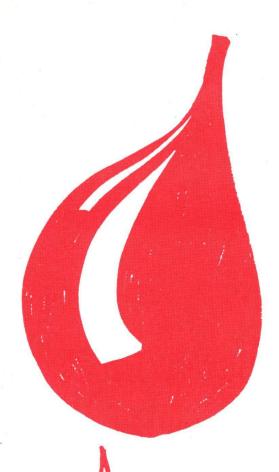
BOWL OF CONFUSION

Under,
under I fall
drowning
in an ocean of
deceit.
Those who could
once
be trusted are now
strangers.

When
I was younger
I trusted him
like no one else.
He failed me.

Now I flounder wondering when another will come along.

Until
then he shall
haunt
my thoughts, my dreams
and hopes.
It is him
who I think of as I
drown
in this
Bowl of Confusion.





I wake to the fleeting feel of your lips, Another day begins anew. My skin tingles from the touch of fingertips, Their loving caress a miracle of you.

These are the memories I hold dear, With their private places in my heart. Not the ones filled with our doubts and fear, Those are the shades with which I easily part.

So our troubles may seem neverending, Yet I can see the smile through the tears. While now there may be no use pretending, I can wait a few more years . . .

- Cory Cooperman
- Sec V/HR 203

