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GREAT NEWS!
Your poem has been selected as a Topical Winner.
Your poem will be included in the "Inside of Me" section of
our **"American High School Poets" - Winter 2026** anthology.

The book will be available soon on Amazon.com. We will send you a link when the page goes up.

"Inside of Me" is a meaningful study of introspective poems written by teenagers for teenagers, which explores what goes on inside the heads of today's teens in those quiet moments when the outside distractions are finally turned down and one is alone with one's own thoughts.

We would also like you to know that less than 2% of all of the poems we will receive this year will be published in this anthology. We found in your poem a passion and sincerity that we feel others will also find worthwhile experiencing. Our goal is to share that passion and sincerity with others and to experience their passion as well.

These anthologies allow us all to share our poetry with others and to experience other young poet's work, thoughts, points of view, and experiences. This is something that, as an organization, we feel is a distinct necessity in today's America. If we are to build a better country for future generations, we surely have a need to share ideas and experiences with one another in a cohesive and constructive manner and, occasionally, listen more than we speak.

It is through the sale of these books that, for the last 20 plus years, we have been financially able to provide this opportunity for today's young poets. Without your support in this way and the volunteers who continue to believe in this mission, we would never have even lasted into our 2nd year, and yet, here we are serving our 2nd generation of American High School Poets.

We appreciate your participation and willingness to share your work with us
and with other likeminded young poets.

Scholarship winners for the quarter ending Dec 31 will be announced by the end of January on our website http://www.justpoetry.org under the winter 2025 - 2026 page.

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feeling alone, anxious, unseen, unheard, depressed, despondent...
Did you ever consider that you might be seeking affirmation from the wrong people. Those who may appear to have it together, but actually may not even be sure who *they* are. Growing up is hard. Take my word for it, I've done it. Find a teacher, counselor, parent, youth group leader, etc, who you think really cares, and don't be afraid to open up to them. There's likely nothing that you can say to them that they have not heard before or experienced themselves. They've done the growing up thing too and 95% of them will go out of their way to help you get through it as well.

Easterday Poetry Award Winner 2024-2025 is **Thomas Guo** of **Bellarmine College Prep in CA** for the poem "**Beijing Boa**". Read it here. 2024-2025 - JUST POETRY **It's awesome!**