

First Prize Writing: High School Division

The Flow of Tears

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You lived a life without fear or trouble

But it was not to last

When you were taken to the ghetto

Tears did not flow

You were starved and beaten

Nearly no life at all

Tears did not flow

When you were sent to the camp

Treated less than an animal

Tears did not flow

Even when you were liberated and free

All that was there was anger

And tears did not flow

Your human feelings

Replaced with anger and unforgiveness

And tears did not flow

Not until America and a new beginning

Did you discover your human feelings

And tears flowed

Your tears washed away your anger

And left you with courage and unforgiving

The courage to tell your story

And tears flowed

As I heard your story I discovered your anger and sorrow

Though I will never experience your horrors

I too lost my human feelings

And tears did not flow

I was bullied, and imagined ways to hurt them

And tears did not flow

It was not until an act of forgiveness

Did I discover my human feelings again

And tears flowed

And through these tears I spoke out against bullying

Just as you discovered courage to speak

So we would not forget

You told your story

And the tears flow
From those who hear your story
And tears flow
And you spoke
So no one will forget
And tears still flow