

2nd place - Anna Nikoula, Gr. 6, Rockliffe Park Public School, Ottawa, ON: *Strong*

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Maybe one day I will see the sun, but for now I am stuck in the rain.

Expectations and obligations are like weights on my back,

And there's nothing I can do or say.

But I know that there is no defeat and definitely no retreat.

Threats and weapons won't scare me now

Because I will stand strong!

Punch me, hit me, shoot me down, but I'll never fall

Because I have hope and I have a dream

That one day I'll be free.

And they could never take that away from me!