

3rd place - James Saly, Gr. 6, Calgary French and International School, Calgary, AB: *Rising*

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when i speak

they hurt me

when i run

they catch me

i can't escape

i'm forced to work

till my knees ache

till my skin cracks

they give me crumbs

they give me rags

but someday i'll escape

to the promised land

i'll rise above them

i'll stop it all

so we can speak