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We hope you enjoy this issue!

We will have a class next year! There is no prerequisite or prior experience needed, so please feel free to join our staff!

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1 *Caroline Block*

I AM OLDER - NOA ORGANЕК

I am young  
I wonder how things work  
I hear my friends giggling  
I want to play outside  
I am young

I pretend that I don't care  
I feel the pressure  
I worry about getting older  
I cry bittersweet tears  
I am growing

I understand that it won't be the same  
I say that things are childish  
I dream about my memories  
I hope to be young again  
But I am older

FAIRYTALES - ELIOT SOKOLOVE

Goldilocks and the three bears. Her and bears.  
Hansel and Gretel. Two kids and a witch.  
Rapunzel, Rapunzel. Girl with her hairs.  
Jack and the Beanstock. A boy who got rich.

I was nine years old hearing these tall tales.  
I was nine years old thinking this was norm'  
Princesses with long hair and perfect nails.  
Just men and women who had love so warm.

Why I could not see my rom' in these books?  
Women were so beaut, how could I not love?  
Wanting to seek women, nannies and crooks.  
I felt different, feelings I must shove.

How these fairytales didnt display me.  
Still, I learned it's okay for me to be





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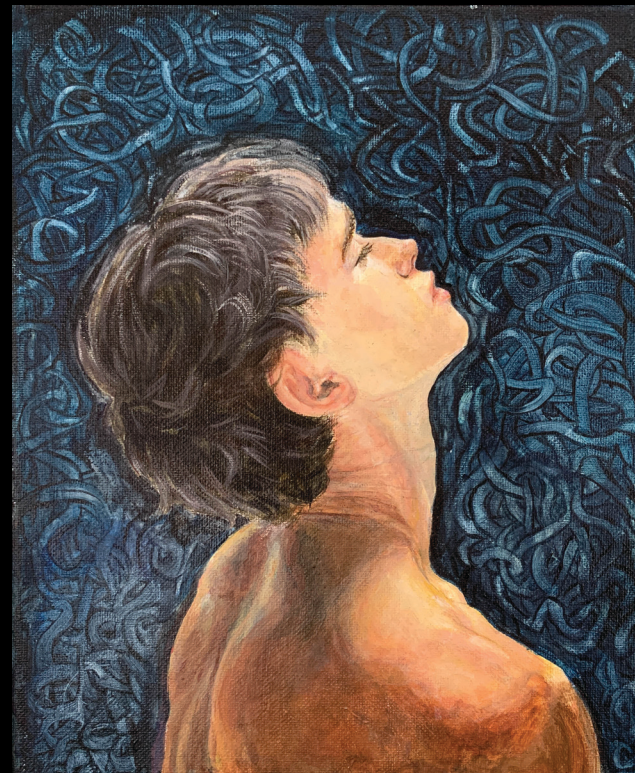
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## REFLECTION - SAMAH SHUMMO

60 seconds in a minute.  
60 minutes in an hour.  
24 hours in a day.  
365 days a year.

The world constantly spinning,  
The seasons constantly changing,  
The wind still blows;  
The mind still wanders.

To some, time is the greatest thief.  
For time is forever running,  
Unmerciful and bittersweet.  
A dish served cold.

Eaten,  
An unremarkable plate.  
Still, the special,  
And still the chosen plate.

Well-known,  
Yet forgettable.  
Expected,  
Yet shocking.

NOSTALGIA FOR THE OLD DAYS - ARIANA SINGLETON

Nostalgia

For the old days  
For the days spent  
On the playground

Sliding down the slides  
That burned in the bright summer sun

Swinging on the swings  
That soared so high  
They made you feel like you could fly

Running inside to the cool air  
And licking popsicles  
until the sticky sugar melted onto your hands

Nostalgia

For the old days  
When we sat in science  
watched Bill Nye  
When we folded paper airplanes  
And watched them soar across the sky

When a paper fortune teller  
Could determine your whole future

And when your whole future  
Determined nothing of your present

Nostalgia

For the old days  
It comes in waves

Sometimes it feels like yesterday  
Sometimes it feels so far away

Sometimes you reach out to it  
And it drifts into obscurity  
Overshadowed by

The here

The now

The college applications

The AP tests

The basketball game

The dress rehearsal

The hustle and bustle of high school

But sometimes

Just sometimes

You see

A kindergartener slide down the slide

A paper airplane fly by

You see

A reminder of the old days

And you get

This warm feeling in your chest

(That feeling?

That's called nostalgia.)



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