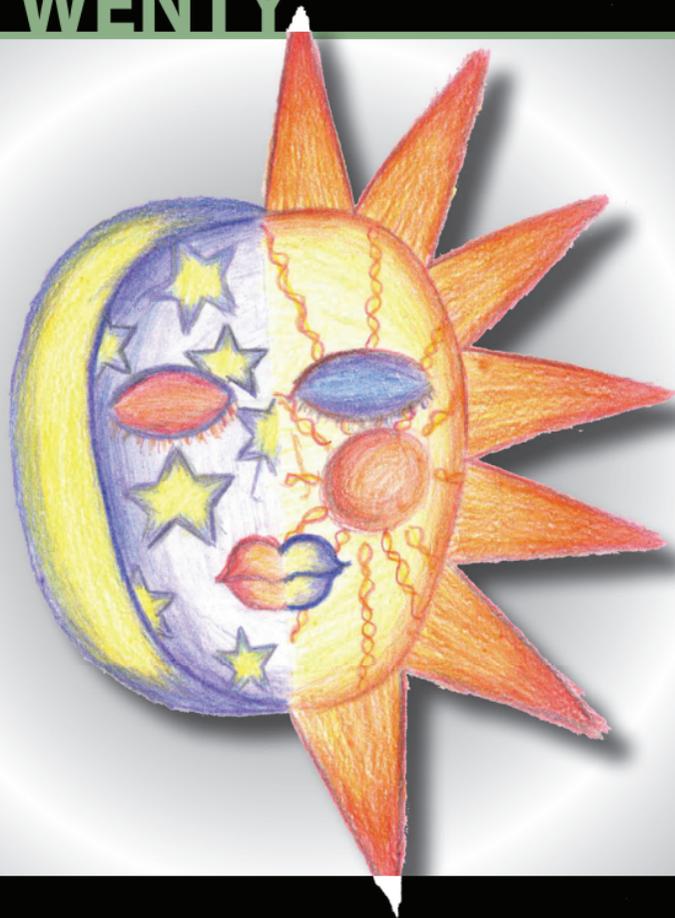


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ASTERISKS INDICATE UNTITLED POEMS. UNDERLINED TEXT INDICATES A HYPERLINK.

FALL

Leaves of golden, auburn, and brown fall down to the earth
Cold winds come blowing them all over

GABE DANIELS

WINTER

Blizzards spread snow through the streets. A snowflake
more fragile than glass floats down.

GABE DANIELS

ADVENTURE

When we were young
We had many adventures, you see
But by now
Our adventures are far from reach.

CIERRA DAVISSON

HAVE A NICE DAY

Soon this poem will end
But I have one thing to say,
I hope you have a beautiful day

CIERRA DAVISSON

INTOXICATE ME

Your silken lips
Are toxic
To the touch
Of tranquility

KAYLA SZALAY

DEVIL'S TEMPTATION

Blade

Her only friend

Why would she play with the devil?

Because no angel would help her

KAYLA SZALAY

PEOPLE WONDER

All that was ever there
was music
Yet people wonder
Why he's so anti-social

TAYLOR TEGART

ALL YOU HEAR

All you hear — the bass of music
The rev of the Chevelle
The kids playing
Pit-bulls barking at strangers

TAYLOR TEGART

*

I thought,
I have an ocean of
friends.
But then, they started disappearing.

MICHAEL WALSH

*

I thought
I would always have enough time
To read books.
But I was wrong.

MICHAEL WALSH

ROSES

Roses are red and violence blue
My eyes can only see the world in
Violent colors of red & blue

ARIANNA KRAMER

*

Hold hands, try to capture our dreams
Like clouds floating by on a ship of dreams
It just brings pain

ARIANNA KRAMER

OXIDATION

Singing androids topped with smiling masks

Licking brittle bleached bones

They taste like rusted lies

Spilling from your disgusting lips

ELIZABETH MCELDERY

MY OCEANS

Polluted oceans fill your mind
Smiling in the background
A tuetuit shark sings his song
And then you were mine

ELIZABETH MCELDERY

EACH DAY

Timeless and true
Twenty-four hours pass by
No one really implies the truth
Time flies

JASMINE VIENGKHAMVILAY

ONLY

Only if
If I could I would
I would fall
Fall for you

JASMINE VIENGKHAMVILAY

BEAUTY

Where I'm from
the trees are always green, lush,
Honeysuckles smell like sugar,
A million white dots in the grass.

OWEN STUDER

FLYING

Snowboarding, like surfing and skateboarding.
Sledding over the surfaces,
Ready to go fast.
On the snow, the board disappears.

OWEN STUDER

*

The world is like a canvas
Some are dull, some magnificent

RUBEN PONZ

*

I can't go on your website because the computer is bust, but here you go ... such and such.

RUBEN PONZ

ENDLESS

It's deep here, dark, endless
Don't know where I began,
Not sure where I'll end
All I see are stars.

TAYLAR BRYDEN



When you're by yourself, do you feel alone?
Does loneliness eat you alive?
I hide inside myself.
Don't find me.

TAYLAR BRYDEN

YIN AND YANG

Balanced, we push and pull
attack and defend.

Eluding our will

Smack. Crack... Nothing

DANIEL WONGWAI

ENOUGH

We are the same

Yet you see nothing but aliens?

Look in this mirror you refuse to see

DANIEL WONGWAI

ODE 1

Bacon is tasty
Bacon is fine
If I had my way
I'd eat it all the time

GARY FORD

PICTURE POEM

Palm trees blown over cloudy skies
Chairs are empty on the beach
No one is there

GARY FORD

*

Fuzzy boots, scarves and wool
Comfy feeling of the fire in my home
Heat from the wood stove
Fall.

KAYLENE CHRISTENSEN

TRUE LOVE

It's between two people
Something you could never forget,
Ever

EMILY NEWBERG

WINTER,

The coldest season
Yet still the warmest of them all
By far

EMILY NEWBERG

*

The birds are silent,
and the trees whisper in the cold darkness.
I am alone, or so I thought.

XANDRIA COONROD

*

today was better than yesterday
so is tomorrow going to be better than that?
or worse than the day before.

XANDRIA COONROD

TAKING OVER THE WORLD

Microsoft is one of
the biggest computer
making companies
in the world.

JORDAN HEDGES

A MAN'S DREAM

Chevrolet is one of the best
the greatest looking trucks
In the USA.

JORDAN HEDGES

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The cover art for this issue is by **XANDRIA COONROD**, who is also a featured poet in this issue. Xandria, age seventeen, lives in a small mill town called Camas, Washington. She is an aspiring artist, singer, writer, and musician. She loves to write songs and poetry, hoping someday to pursue it as a career.

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CIERRA DAVISSON, a student, who lives in Washington State, loves poetry and reading. She runs a blog and likes to watch Netflix. She loves to go outside and look through the woods.

GARY FORD is fifteen years old. He loves to ride four-wheelers and bikes. And he likes wrenching.

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