



**2022 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS
CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST
DIVISION 1 – GRADES 4 TO 6**

**MAXINE CHOU, GRADE 4
MUIRHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL
THIRD PRIZE**



WHY?

Why is there a hole in the roof?
I feel the eager rain rushing in through the hole
Why has happiness left me?
It feels like my warm heart was replaced with another one
Why am I heartbroken?
My heart feels dead, cold and broken
Why am I freezing?
It's like a winter storm raging through my body
Why is my stomach empty?
It feels like there's a hole in my stomach
Why has safety toppled?
Like a tree without its roots
Why do I have to flee my home?
Leaving a place where memories were made
And going to a place where my future is a question mark
Why is there blood?
It makes me feel petrified
Where is the light?
I hope a miracle can bring me to safety

