



**2022 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS  
CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST  
DIVISION 2 – GRADES 7 TO 8**

**ALYSSA RAMIREZ, GRADE 7  
FERN AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SECOND PRIZE**



**A NEW STORY**

Imagine living in this moment,  
all emotions  
overflowing like a rushing waterfall.  
Facing the devastating truth that everything  
like your loving memories need to be packed.  
But most importantly your story.  
A story full of beautiful, touching pages,  
a story you love and keep creating.  
But from the news you know you have to create an ending because of this  
So-called war attacking the place that has carried and loved you for your life.  
Taking a deep breath in and out,  
to stop the tears dripping on your beautiful face,  
is only one part out of a million parts of the journey.  
But at this moment,  
you wish upon every single grain of sand for a beginning,  
one you want to create  
for your new story.

