

WORLD REFUGEE DAY
Refugee and Human Rights
Child and Youth Poetry Contest



UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés



1st Prize Award Recipient
Group I: Grades 4 to 6

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I'm leaving?

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Gun sounds here Bomb sounds there
I'm not safe I need a place
A place of safety
Where there are no guns, no bombs
I'm leaving...

NO! NO! NO!

I can't leave now
What about my baby chicks?
What about my little puppy?
He woke me up every morning

What about my grand papa?
What about my grand momma?
She always made me fresh tea
What about my straw house it always keeps me warm

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

NOT AGAIN! Guns and bombs everywhere, I have to leave

Leaving all my best buddies
Leaving my grandparents
Leaving all my favourite things
Leaving all my happiness!!

I have no choice but to leave
And I know that I will be safe in the new place
But will I get my happiness back?