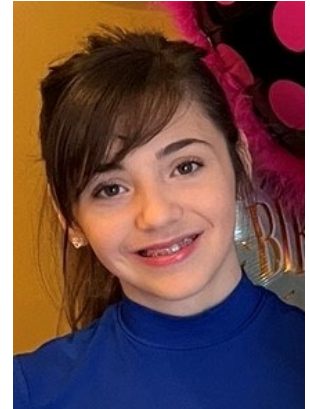




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FROM OLD TO NEW

From old to new, is how I became,
From old to new, is how my story was made.
From the sound of exploding bombs to the sound of peaceful rain,
From old to new, and now I am safe.

From old to new, is why I am strong
From old to new is why I belong.
From running for life, running from guns,
From old to new, now I'm running for fun.

Everything I know, everything I knew,
My home, my school, went from old to new.

I miss the old, I should be sad
but the new has filled my spirit,
and now I'm happy with what I have.

