

Winning Poems in 2021 CFCP, Inc., Student Contest

1. Junior Poem, First Place

Seconds

The plate shatters; fighting ceases for one second. Silence helps me forget the yelling and screaming and everything going wrong, but one second doesn't last long. As it begins again, I hope another dish drops, so I can grab another second. Tireless noise continues until their voices, filled with venom and fire, turn hoarse. Whenever diving in to intervene, I get caught in crossfire of two mighty adversaries. Eventually, exhaustion takes both sides out; and I lie in bed, enjoying precious seconds.

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