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Cover Page Footnote

Thank you professor Watanabe for your time and help!

Life Flashing Before My Eyes

I leaped from the rock

My life flashed before my eyes

The mountains stacked on top of each other

Yellow, red, and orange leaves were staring at me

The thought of will I land or will I fall

The sun was running, trying to hide behind the clouds

Was it something I did?

Maybe I shouldn't have jumped,

I remember every fight I had with my mom

The last word I said to my father before he left

I remember grandmothers soft, angelic face

I remember the beautiful bells played at my church every Sunday

The gracefulness of my sisters piano playing

I remember it all

And then I land

A Tiny Country In Europe

Flags sway like the bright blue boats in the aegean sea

The crystal clear waves brush the shore

The salty mediterranean breeze hits me

My thoughts are clear as I take in the fresh air

Sky-pink domes of the whitewashed churches

The bright heavens bluer than the ocean

Tiny church bells sing

The smell of the jasmine-scented incense fills the air

The evening nears,

The waves I hear

Stars lit up the clear black sky

Best Time of the Year

Winter is brewing like my hot chocolate on a cold day

Gathered with my family to pray

The woods fill with snow as my little cottage is covered

Wind howling through the pines

Pine-smelling tree being carried

Through the house ready to be decorated

The kids chanting carols

Sitting by the warm, cozy, orange lit fire

I am dressed in plaid pajama pant attire

The holidays are near, all my family is here

The food is cooking, the smell of turkey fills the room

Baking sugar cookies, watching them rise

Christmas time aligns

An Experience...

My muscles are tight, my stomach flutters

The streetlight beaming in the distance

Walking through the dark, cold, garbage-smelling alley

My heart is beating my palms are sweaty

The sound of cats digging through the garbage I freeze up.

The thought of what is hiding in the shadows

A shortness of breath overcomes me

Cars are racing by, traffic lights hitting red

My eyes are blinking, the lights are flickering

My breath shortens, my heart beats faster

The lights change quicker and quicker

I tiptoe quietly to avoid being caught

Everything is now a blur.

A Whole New World

The starfish hugging near the coral reef

The sharks chasing the little fish,

Oh how fearful they must be

It's a little world down here,

The fish swim together like our families travel together

The seaweed sways like the trees in the wind

The turtles swiftly glide through the water

The crabs decomposing matter on the surface,

Like snow trucks in the winter

Oh what a site to see

How lucky are the animals to live down here

Empty Space

The desert extends for miles, it never ends. It is empty

I am a tiny creature standing in a desert that seems to be the size of the world

My eyes gaze up as I am standing underneath a cactus 30 feet tall

The brown mountains in the background are blocking the sun

The horizon is a mixture of bright pink, orange, and purple

The clouds are fading away the day is coming to an end

Goosebumps appear on my arms as the temperature cools

Coyotes howling in the distance as a ringtailed cat zooms by

Turns out it is not as empty as I thought