

**“Summer’s End”**

At times, I feel as if I’m stuck in a blizzard.  
A constant cold with no sign of stopping.  
A cold that makes me crave the rays of the hot summer sun  
And long for their return.

Much like the hot summer days,  
I long for my childhood to return.  
Like the fleeting, carefree summer nights,  
I feel my youth was taken for granted.

I am still so young, but I am no longer a child.  
Yesterday's problems are now today's memories.  
The next summer won't be the same.

It all feels so rushed,  
As if summer was over in the blink of an eye.  
I feel like I’m being pushed into adulthood without a parachute,  
Or a winter storm with no coat.

There are times where I feel I will never be ready  
And I’ll remain in this storm forever.  
But then I am reminded;  
I am not alone in this.

Growing up is something that happens to everyone.  
The march of time stops for no one.  
The storm will end eventually,  
And when it does, spring awaits.

Like the morning sun through the curtains,  
My future awaits me.  
And like flowers in spring,  
I will bloom too.

**“My Life is My Own”**

In the past few months, I have had more time to think than ever.  
Time to think about everything and anything.  
Time to think about the small and big questions of this world.  
And time to think about the large amount of people  
In this small world, in this big universe.

Everyone on this planet has her own thoughts,  
Her own feelings,  
And her own battles she is fighting.  
Everyone is the main character in the story of her life.

This world is so large, yet so small.  
It has made me stop and think,  
What is my place in this world?

It has made me stop and think,  
Why do I worry about everything and anything?  
Like how people think of me,  
Or the little mistakes I've made in the past.

Like everyone else, I too have a limited time on this planet.  
I am my own main character.  
I have one life to live,  
So why do I worry about the little, insignificant things?

Life is short, and life is beautiful.  
I must do my best to enjoy it while I can.  
I will reach into the future without hesitation,  
And I will push forward without fear.  
My life is my own,  
And I will make the best of it while I can.