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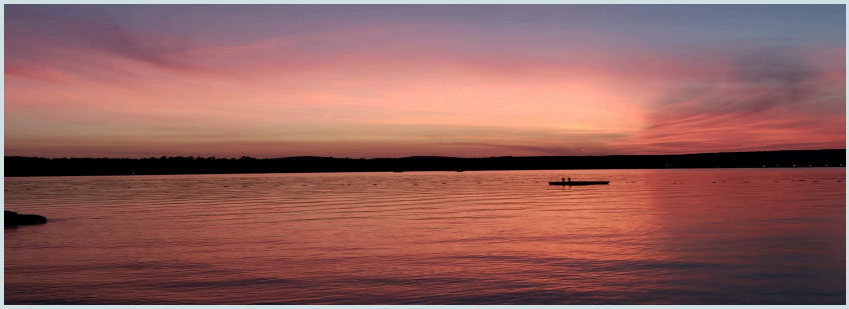
Starry Night
By Sarmon Meas-Pinder

Beneath the silent, starry night,
My heart whispers hopes so bright.
Dreams like fireflies softly gleam,
Guiding me through every dream

Sun Dips Down
By Alicianna Springer



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The sun dips low, a fiery kiss
upon the hills ,a golden bliss
The day is done, the shadow creeps,
While weary hearts lie fast asleep.
A gentle breeze begins to sigh as stars ignite the evening sky
and in the hush a quiet tear falls for a love held ever dear.

Ideas
By Matthew Hart

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Across the stars I longily gaze
I've been caught in a week-long daze
The ideas I thought I once knew
All changed and brought anew

All About Track
By Semiyah Medina-Murphy

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It's all about track, winning all them medals
It's all about track, running all them miles,
It’s all about track, passing all them girls,
It's all about track

Dreams Convene
By Ava Mathias

The sun goes low, the day is gone,
The city is dark, a peaceful scene,
I close my eyes and tried to sleep
I drown in my thoughts and my dreams convene

On the Mats
By Kayk Silva

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On the mats we encounter quiet wars
Loud breaths and strong grips
we seek the floor
a gentle art, but strong and effective
In every role, we learn more.

When Does the Pain Stop
By Jo'Lyn Arruda

When does all the pain stop
Watching your family going through all these troubles
Why do we have to experience the pain and suffering until the person just drops
I wish to just put away the puzzle and start over
Nobody ever knows when we will have good luck and find a four leaf clover

Missing You Poem
By Hemily Brandao

Moments in the past we spent together
Perfume on the sweater you gave me
Your voice whenever I think of you
Alone when thinking how far away you are from me
Happiness when remembering our moments together
How excited I am to see you this year

Crime Free
By Austin Brown

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Juan was never a bad kid, he always listened to his parents, did what he was told, and rarely got into trouble. That all changed when his parents got a divorce. It didn't shock Jaun, his intuition made him think something was different between his parents after that trip to Hawaii;, maybe that was them trying to fix their relationship; maybe they knew for a long time that it wasn't going to work but tried to keep it together. Even though he knew it was coming, it didn't hurt any less. Juan started getting himself into trouble doing frivolous things, ding-dong ditching, harmless pranks like that.

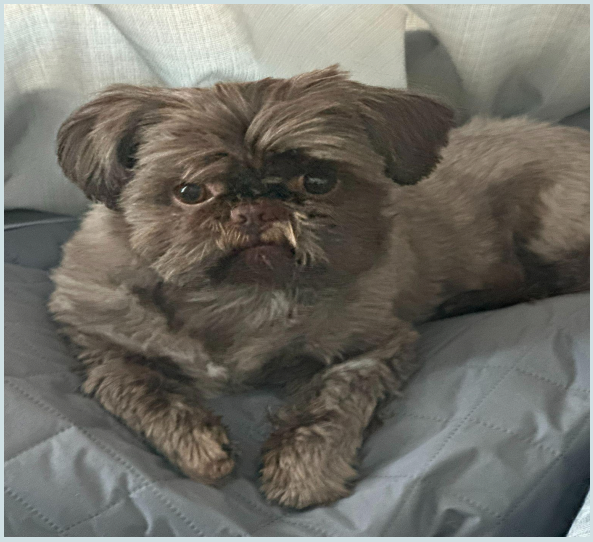
That didn't last long, though; the divorce became too much for him. To cope with the pain, he did things to take his mind off things, he loved the thrill of burglary. Grabbing as many items of value before the cops came, and it was lucrative too: $10,000 a month on average after he split the money with his buddy Dan. One day, that all changed. It was any regular day on the job, Dan told Juan about a wealthy family in the Highlands of Fall River. Dan had to do something that day, and Juan didn't know what, but Dan said it was important. Turns out Juan got set up. "Fall River Police! Keep your hands where I can see them," the officer shouted.

"Crap," Juan mumbled underneath his breath.

He listened to the officer’s commands and came out without a fight. Juan knew that would only make it worse. Solitude, Juan was stuck between four walls for nearly three months. He got three years in Prison for his crimes, he was solemn; he couldn’t believe his actions got him in here.

But he made a promise to himself that he would go back to a life of God. After all, Juan means "God is gracious." Gracious enough to give Juan a second chance, a life away from crime. Juan now has three kids and a loving wife. Juan is also a devout Christian. He couldn’t be any happier in his new life, crime-free.

Training my dog
By Travis Jacob



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I woke up one morning ready to play with my dog Marley. She was very docile and I wanted to teach her a new trick. Marley at the moment can do a flip while simultaneously eating a treat. It's awesome! She always shows no sign of enmity and is acquiesces to learning new things! Our bond is so strong that I’m sure that nobody will be able to disrespect us. Never underestimate the bond between a boy and his dog.