Emily Beck, 8th grade, SCAPA

We Are Broken

We are broken. We told ourselves that we would be united. Now, we all know we haven't done enough. Every time Democrats and Republicans go against each other, we are like plates that are so fragile, when we go against each other not in unity there is more and more chance that a plate or many will break. When Martin Luther King Jr. gave his speech about his dream, he imagined that we would stand united. We imagine as a country our paint strokes together look like a beautiful painting, in reality, we are no painting, we are just paint strokes. We don't stand united; we stand apart.

We have to stand together, united, even when we don't agree. Humanity plays a symphony, where every instrument has to listen to the others. We cannot play alone. When the instruments don't listen, don't care, the music falls apart. We need to listen, to care, or *we* will fall apart. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise, live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Dr. King said this 62 years ago. MLK's dream has still not come true. In all that time, we pushed one thing to the side, unity.

"United we stand, divided we fall." This quote was said by Patrick Henry in 1877. This truly shows what we need to do to survive as a country. We need to embrace love, and peace with each other. No matter what, we need to stand together, like how each dancer in a ballet or dance of any sort has to stand together to see the whole picture. Without that unity, the dance of life seems chaotic, never reaching the whole potential of what we could be if we just stood together.

Without the harmony of the choirs of love, peace and respect the world will fall apart, the world will drown like the city of Atlantis. We have to embrace all of us as a country, together. We have to start today, at the beginning, by loving and respecting each other, even our enemies. We have to stop being ununited, so for once we can mend and be unbroken.