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**Just Another Fish**

*Ellie Patterson '26*

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Words from an All-Nighter

*Emily Yang '27*

Am I a dying cactus, shriveled, dry;  
a wilting flower in two stones being wedged;  
or a cooked mushroom whose stem has been stewed  
into a slimy brew that melts on the bed?

Who cares what's right or wrong or why!  
I'm a student counting night stars, being boiled  
into meals, into roiling oats, broiled—  
for the lights are shut, and I lost wifi.

Regrets creep in (my thinning hair weighs light)  
compacting into stones that press my gut.  
The unwept lamps and books and papers jeer,

but my eyes pool only a tear.  
Apologies to my flesh and bones:  
I would love you if I could.