

First Place

Division I – Writing

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*Light and Hope Where None Was Meant to Be*

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we came with a questionable fear  
wanting to know who put us here  
but even in the dark  
people lit a spark  
forced to forget our sacred religion  
we chose to stand firm on our own decision  
punished for faith, beaten, torn  
yet from the pain defiance was born  
Lonely death, sharp pain, and sad tears  
those were all of our biggest fears  
but with the hope of a bright and peaceful future  
we painted our very own picture  
cloudy, cold, snowy days  
were turned into sunny gaze  
with only our imagination  
we made the dark world into our creation  
marching, starvation, dreading the days to come  
Our feet and feeling were numb  
wondering if we would see tomorrow  
while our hearts were filled with sorrow  
after many long hard nights  
with many few rights  
it was finally time for liberation  
now we could all have our celebration.

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