



# 2018 RESPECT LIFE *Youth Contest*

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## Be Not Afraid

Do not be afraid for me.

My life will be good, you see.

I will run slower,

So the pace changes.

You will slow down.

I will struggle,

So I can triumph.

You will see joy.

I will not march in lockstep,

So I can dance to golden music

You will hear it.

I cannot sting you,

So your heart can heal.

You will know a pure soul

I will not walk beaten paths,

So I will forge my life.

You will see peace.

And though I fit not in the mold,

I will powerfully stir your soul.

Be not afraid.