

2021 Sidewalk Poetry Program

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By Olivia Schwan

8th Grade - Einstein

Imagine
Can you imagine
What would happen
If you weren't so afraid
to be yourself?

By Kristi Wood King

Resident

Although the elements of the world
May change me,
I stay strong,
Knowing,
I was placed here with purpose.

By Lilyanna Pieper

8th Grade - Einstein

Identity
She/her
Or she/they
Am I girl, boy or in between
Who am I? Who is me?
Who am I meant to be?
I'm lost but it's okay
Maybe I'll know again
Some day

By Kristina Jazdzewski

12th Grade - East High School

Each day is a fresh start;
Set goals
Take breaks
Love yourself
You are not your past

By Leah Ritchie

Resident

In the clamor of morning
In the bustle of day
May I plant seeds of peace
With each word I say
And as the sun sinks to rest
Along its westward slope
May my loudest words
Produce a crop of hope

By Ger Vang

Resident

Journey to America

From the rainforest of Laos
Sunlight beam like fresh spring
From the mountain to the valley of life
The sky stretch like open sea
We chase metal bird beyond our boundary
Step into time machine
We live among giant with many ethnicities
Our journey to America is eternity

Tuaj rau teb chaw Meskas

Teb chaws Los Tsuas zoov nuj txeeg
Tshav ntuj ci dej ntwis ntshiab si
Toj roob hauv pes mus rau hav ciaj sia
Ntuj qhib dej hiav txwv nthuav
Caum dav hlau dhau nom nrim
Nce lub tshuab sijhawm hla ntuj
Nyob nrog neeg loj ntau haiv
Tuaj rau teb chaw Meskas nyob ib txhis