## Waited All My Life for 2020

New year senior year waited all my life for this Now it's here and i'm full of fear First day all my friends are there Now I can breathe some fresh air Kulak and Machuca are my teachers, yah! Now i can survive another day They are the best School is better than the rest Cause I know they will help When I scream help -- Kayla Gulley

## **COVID 19 Thoughts**

Time has frozen! I miss Senior-ing! How are my friends? When is this gonna be over? I'M LOSING MY MIND! -- Myles Hoggans

## Life Under Quarantine

At first this quarantine thing sounded terrible honestly But now, I go on walks

I find creative things to do, or I do nothing at all I face my feelings and troubles face on rather than distracting myself with life

I finally wear my hair natural because I don't feel anxious at home

Ouarantine doesn't seem too bad But now we have another month added I'm starting to run out of things to do I miss going on adventures with my friends I miss going out to eat I miss my teachers I miss my peers

I have a love/hate relationship with this quarantine I can freely be lazy but I won't get to walk the stage I don't have to see anyone from high school anymore but I kind of miss them

I can get take out but I have to eat it in the car I wish I never took these little things for granted but I'm also glad we all got a break from life. I think we all needed it. It needs to be over now though.

-- Aneesa Bussey

#### Four Years in a Flash

My 4 years flashed before my eyes, but not too fast because I reminisced everyday. I can't believe we finally done.

My freshman year I wanted to touch a couple different sports so

I played football and I wrestled and placed 3rd in state

it was painful. I was trying to figure out what I wanted to be

or how I wanted to spend my life.

I decided to further my basketball experience down in **CALIFORNIA** 

-- Christina Robinson



Students reading through material in Senior Inquiry.

#### Hallowed Memories

Deep within soul reach is a boy Needing guidance but not any lies Breaking the point of no return Letting go of fond toys Buried beneath lives Getting nothing in this life Pounding not in sight Losing control he may might A ghost will be his true fright Fire in between places he goes Stops in the night Seeing no one in the darkness he ignites Flames burn from within him He will burn bright Hollowed out by motives Keeps him going and follows Joining a place where he belongs Coming to a place where fire is one The wind breaks through, spreading Touching the fire as raining fists Leaving the field to open mists He can't speak His words are gone His fire isn't Solace is what keeps him going It what keeps him glowing The bright star that will be Will show the way, a different path Leaving false value behind Giving up child, growing bold He burns as bright as gold Nothing within it's quake Never speaking just break Onto life will be another bloom Roses never die wither away A future with one Death may be daring. Scared boy turned to be in One after one is scary

Cool substance washes away Leaving the angry quake of fire A girl emerges from the cold Strikes a cool stare Leading the boy away he may Sought destruction no more Never seeing red again Saw purple instead Remembering the words his teacher spokeYou will meet an equal, learn to extinguish your fire Wants to do that His heart says otherwise He is tired of all the lies He wants to be free of burden Not all in love Free...Free Trees around him whoosh when thoughts matter more Sorrow filling his heart Cold reaches him and smiles Fire noticed and thinks about what was taught A lie or a truth Fire smiles as well a lot after Adventures await young heros Your time is now Your time is valuable Leave knowledge behind Let the wind let your burdens go This may be the last time They ever see the sunset Fire bites more than he can chew Injury would suffice Cold saved his life Looking astonished as she took the final blow Her body flowed with wind Her body went limp again

Las she took one final smile At the flaming boy

Wishing more time would go by His thoughts cloud his mind Where is his mind No more lies Repeating over and over Chanting under his breath Anger flash destroying everything around Turned everything brown Defeating evil was good Fire didn't feel better He sat wondering "Why am I so weak" A voice chanted in his head No you are strong *The boy asked the voice* Who are thou? No answer... Then the voice continues A weak person shall never feel the burden of pain and sorrow A strong one feels everyday, in order to be strong you have to be weak And in order to be weak you have to be strong

The more you do failure will happen The less you do you can't fail The boy listen with wary eyes Voice said no more

Looking up to the sunset sky Revealing more than he wants to see

A trance of energy is United with him

Cold is gone no longer here

Believe in destiny he fears Shattered his beliefs Never seeing anymore A clear future he is uncertain about Forgetting a friend was a specialty Cold was a necessity For him to feel no pain He now needs a lane Thoughts linger in his mind Freeing doubts from within His is still scared of his sin Still feeling burden by sorrow What had he learned He forgets the sky is dark Memories awakes his mind He still cannot see Has he learned anything?

--Jay Riggins



# Joyce Washington

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