



Our Students' Stories

{original poetry}





Our Students

In high school English class, Omaha Street School students were asked to write poetry that reflects their lives.

These poems speak of their hopes, dreams and despair.

Please take a moment to get to know our students and understand their struggles.

If any of these poems touch your heart, you are invited to send them an encouraging email to givehope@omahastreetschool.com.

"In my dreams I seek home, a place I feel guilty of leaving."

- Ahnusan

Bullying

I am alone an outsider
Everywhere I go I get talked about
It always someone has my name in their mouth

Nobody understands the struggle I go through
Everyone thinks I make things up
I cry myself to sleep every night

Nobody understands...

I hate feeling alone and hurt all the time
Feels like I have nobody but myself
I fight my own battles on my own

Some nights I think about whether I am even
worth living

- Jaera

Not the Same

Not the same I used to be
Imma forever be thuggin
I was a lost child
So empty black hearted
Smiling but unhappy
Can't trust a soul

Not the same as I used to be
Feel like the devil trying to get me
An the cops trying to take me out
I'm having anxiety attacks I'm shutting everyone
out
Sick in tired of being told lies
When it's time to open up I close in deeply

Not the same as I used to be
Everyone see me strong
But inside I feel so weak
Sometimes I cry when I'm in my room
I'm trying to be strong
But tears start falling down my face

Not the same as I used to be
I'm surrounded by the fake
Seems they only love they self
I been trying to keep my distance
Every body saying I'm acting different

- Evelyn

Gone

I miss the old days
When I was young and naïve
I would try so hard to live
They were right here with me
It's hard to believe
When they're gone
I'm sad and scared
They'll all be gone

I try to be happy
To put on that happy face
Just to be knocked down
By people coming and going
I'm about to feel sad and lonely

- Margarita

Failure

Using drugs to cope feeling that I have no hope, tryin to get sober for my mom and family but got a feeling nothing else is going to help me cope.

Tired of trying, feeling like I'm a failure, trying real hard to get my stuff together.

Just hate feeling like a failure.

- Maya

Blue Print

I know that I'm broken, I'm damaged
But I need your attention, I'm feeling it
I'm so used to feeling abandoned
But I want you to love me like you mean it

If I give you the blueprint to my heart
Tell me do you know just where to start?
Can you help climb from out the dark?
Cause love seem so hard, said, love seems so far

I need someone to meet me halfway
If I reveal off of my skeletons, don't judge me
Are you the one that's gonna call for me?
Are you the one to comfort me?

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Tell me do you know just where to start
Can you help climb from out the dark?
Cause love seem so hard
Said, love seems so far

Damaged, damaged
Damaged, damaged

- Patience

Me

This is me
This is me with no apologies
This is me without saying sorry
This is me without begin ashamed of who I am
because I am me

I am exactly who I wanna be
I am young black and native yes this is me
Not knowing the other half of me because my mom
abandoned me yes this me

- Tiara

Mystery

It is
Always a
Mystery
What comes next

Sunflowers and dandelions
Or
Thunderstorms and dead roses?

You tell me
I am ready for it all

- Ahnusan

Omaha Street School is making a difference for our students...

Before 1st quarter

69.75%

0.71

23%

Attendance

GPA

Self Esteem

After 1st quarter

84%

1.5

79%

WE OFFER HOPE!

At OSS, students learn what it is like to be accepted and loved, how to set boundaries, follow instructions, and show respect.

Our unique school model provides smaller classes and one-on-one instruction by trauma-informed teachers. **We become a family, providing a fresh start in building relationships.**

Students are taught that God loves them and staff model that belief. They are not an accident. Their lives mean something. They have a purpose and find hope.



TWO WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

1

GIVE:

YOU can offer hope to at-risk youth!

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2

ENCOURAGE A STUDENT:

You can also email these students an encouraging message at givehope@omahastreetsschool.com.

Please include the student's name in your email, and we will pass on your message!