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## Violence, Destroyer of Lives

Violence takes so many lives each year,  
taking the ones of who we hold dear  
but life passes on as we try to forget,  
the grief we are caused, and all our regret

Even my life has been affected,  
By the violence everywhere  
my uncle could not be protected  
from violence on land and in the air

He almost died because of a man,  
who said "Let me drive as fast as I can."  
I said "Thank God," because he was alive  
and allowed by forces to continue to strive

There are many causes for youth violence today,  
So right now just allow me to say  
That there are many reasons kids die ever day  
And none of those reasons are ever okay

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One of these reasons is drugs  
Given to kids by evil people who are thugs  
They force the kid to sell their "stuff"  
Even making the kid, of the stuff, take a puff

He forces the child to sell his goods  
Usually to kids in the "hood"  
Because of the vulnerability they have  
Because of the childhoods the have usually had

Another reason of this is bullying, which is a terrible thing  
Bullying the humiliation of a person by others  
It can be something like making fun of the way they sing,  
Or even something that is shared between two lovers

And the last cause I will talk about  
Is something terrible, it is a gang  
Which causes people to hurt others  
Over silly things like gang honor

Gangs make things like gang fights



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Just see which gang can actually fight

They supply drugs to teens  
and destroy so many lives early

There are many ways to stop youth violence

For drugs, we can help kids say no  
for bullying, we can help these kids stand up  
And for gangs, we can help kids feel at home