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WHAT LIFE BRINGS

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A middle school kid
Struggling but isn't everybody?
Living in the hood
But I'm still trying to make something of myself

Gotta leave the house early
Gotta get home early too
You never know
When these gang bangers
Might decide to shoot

Lost a lot of friends
Due to guns and knives
Sad their gone
But glad I survived
Lost my dad at a young age
He used to beat my mom
I guess me and God were on the same page

I love basketball
But I couldn't try out for the team

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cause when practice is over
The dark night isn't as peaceful as it seems
Can't walk from school
Gotta wait for my mom to pick me up
Cause if there's a drive by
She afraid I'll forget to duck

I don't have a facebook
Social media isn't anyones' friend
It causes drama
Something I try to stay away from
When I think something's dangerous
I try to stay away
But sometimes that's not enough
So, I pray
I pray all the time
I pray to god everyday begging him
To keep me safe
And reminding him of all the good I've done
Just hoping
Their good enough reasons

I wish things were different
I would try out for the basketball team
I would walk home from school

[REDACTED]
Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 School

I would have friends
I would have a dad
I would have a Facebook
I would be a normal kid

Me, Individually?

I can't make much of a change on my own
So for now I'll do my part in keeping the streets safe
By keeping myself safe

My mom shouldn't cry every night
I shouldn't have this many rest in peace pins and buttons
I shouldn't be going to funerals every other week
I shouldn't be afraid to try out for a sport I'm so passionate about
I should be able to walk from school
I should feel safe in my neighborhood

I wish guns and knives didn't exist
Then people would be forced to fight the old fashion way
By using their fists

But me personally?
I like to keep my head held high
If I keep it up their my future will be bright

~~Pre'onah Dawn~~
~~Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 school~~

I can't wait to get outta here
Go somewhere safer
Somewhere I can have fun
Go somewhere where walking down the street
After 6 isn't such a fright
Cause me personally I don't think it will ever change
But hey
That's just what life brings...
Right?
-Pre'onah Angelique Dawn