

**"The Power Within One's Heart"**

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One man came in the name of love  
Without malice  
No difference between rich or poor  
Persecuted, betrayed  
Coveted words ring forever  
He was a spiritual man.

One man dreamed of equality  
Always peaceable  
Civil disobedience aimed  
Protested, preached  
Stuck only as a paradoxical dream.

He was an aspirant man.

One girl's writing bore witness to the genocide  
Hiding in fear  
Waiting, hoping, documenting  
Caught and imprisoned  
Pages left empty  
She was just a young girl

One woman saw herself above another race  
A country divided amongst itself  
Mansion of fear  
Inferior, torture, end  
The lightning whip never ceases  
She was a slaveholding woman

One man initiated a war  
Second to the world  
Perfect and imperfect race  
Cataclysm, death  
Asylums of unfathomable suffering  
He was just another soldier

One man disregarded the oath  
Heal and never kill  
Fraternal, identical  
Reduced to laboratory rats  
"Angel of Death"  
He was only a physician

One girl defies tradition  
Yearning for knowledge  
Threatened, targeted, harmed  
Empowering the young female mind  
Right for every child to obtain an education  
She is just a teenager

One man's creativity changed the theatre  
Something never done before  
Inspiration through story and music  
Aspiring, different  
A million things yet to do  
He is an actor

## 3rd Place

# POETRY

One woman refuses to be silent  
Child casualty  
Mutilated, violated  
Voice must be heard  
Female mutilations must cease  
She is only another victim

One man isolates his country from the rest  
Lock and key  
Unknown future  
No one in, no one out  
Shrouded with secrecy  
He is just a man

One man and woman's candidacy created unrest  
Never a greater divide  
Variant views and tactics  
Uncertainty, uproar  
Fear of nation's future  
They are just different people

One man's organization strikes incessant fear  
Traveling wildfire  
Terror, attacks, loss  
A questionable end  
Agonizing wait for the next move  
He is a ruthless man

One girl's love never ceases  
Lost and fractured relationships  
Deception, lies, broken hearts  
Love and forgiveness prevail  
Someday to be heard  
She is an aspiring writer

Power is found within any individual  
From a child to an autocrat  
There is no need to wait or waste a single moment  
To diminish or improve the world in which we live  
With the power within one's heart