



## 2022 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST DIVISION 1 - GRADES 4 TO 6

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### THE CURIOUS QUESTIONS OF A CHILD

What are refugees, Mommy?  
I've heard it on the news  
They're people who had to leave their homes  
But they didn't get to choose

But why did they leave their homes, Mommy?  
Why did they have to leave?  
Violence and war where they live  
Things you wouldn't believe

Why are there so many people, Mommy?  
Women and children are filling the street  
They're hoping for a better life  
And for kindness from all they meet

How will they get to safety, Mommy?  
What will they have to do?  
They'll walk for miles, day and night  
And work together too

But, who will help them, Mommy?  
Where will all the people go?  
To countries all around the world  
But where we do not know

Why are you crying, Mommy?  
Is it because you are in pain?  
I cry for their loss, courage, and strength

And for reasons I cannot explain