



**2021 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS
CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST
DIVISION 1 - GRADES 4 TO 6**

**SEHER NIAZ, GRADE 6
PLUM TREE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
THIRD PRIZE**

HUMAN



Some came from lost countries and broken homes
Some came from war and inequality
Some came in the hopes of finding hope
Did we give them hope?
They came to grow their families
They came to escape a cage
They came for rights
Did we give them rights?
They wanted peace not war
They wanted equal rights
They wanted a fresh start
Did we help them start a new and better life?
Instead of helping those who needed it we pushed them out
Instead of ridding of their trauma we added to it
Instead of treating them like equals we treated them like a different
species
Instead of giving them a helping hand we let them fall into despair
Why?

Why couldn't we give them equal rights

Why couldn't we help them find a place to explore themselves

Why couldn't we accept them for who they are and let them be free to live like us

Why do the refugees have to fight for their rights if we do not have to

Put yourself in their shoes

Think of hate you could've gotten just because of who you are

Think of all the fear you could've experienced

Think of the overwhelmingness that comes from not visiting but **moving** to another country

In the end we are all human

We are all one

We are all living together on the same planet

We are all trying to eliminate the hate in this world

So let's start with this

Eliminate all hate step by step

After all they are called **HUMAN** rights let's make sure it stays like that.