



**2021 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS  
CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST  
DIVISION 2 – GRADES 7 TO 8**

**NEHMET BADHAN, GRADE 8  
SIR ISAAC BROCK PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SECOND PRIZE**



**JUXTAPOSITION**

You are a child who can't figure out what dress to wear. I am a child who can't figure out where to find my lost parents.

You are a child who fought with your siblings. I am a child who fought against terrorists.

You are a child who cried from a paper cut. I am a child who cried from a gunshot to my leg.

You are a child who cried when someone stepped on your sandcastle. I am a child who cried when my house was blown up from a bomb.

You are a child who goes on a cruise ship for vacation. I am a child who illegally goes on a cargo ship to escape war.

You are a child who played with toys. I am a child who was a toy to be played with by soldiers.

You are a child who looks out of your house and waves to me. I am a child who looks out of a cage and waves to you.

You are a child. But aren't I a child, too?