



**2022 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS
CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST
DIVISION 3 – GRADES 9 TO 12**

**MIKAELA PEREIRA, GRADE 9
ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOL
FIRST PRIZE**



IMAGINE

Imagine a world without refugees
No Einstein, Freud, or Victor Hugo
Or Michaella Jean, Gloria Estefan or Yusra Mardini
No Freddie Mercury, Anne Frank, or K'Naan
Individuals sharing their talents
Sharing their stories
Imagine a galaxy without its bright stars
Nothing but a black hole

Imagine a world without refugees
No scientists, artists, politicians
Or athletes, entrepreneurs, educators
No grocery store workers, custodians, and restauranteurs
Ordinary people contributing their talents as they start a life anew
Setting examples with their courage and their strength
Enriching lives of those around them

But truly imagine a world where there are no refugees
Not because they are not wanted
But because there's simply no need
A world where people don't need to flee their homes to save their lives
A world without war, injustice, violence, or fear
But where people leave because it's a choice
People still enriching lives and making a difference
But on their terms

Imagine