

First Honorable Mention – Grades 7 & 8

## **Under**

The wave,  
it's huge,  
coming for me  
like a bully,  
ready to push me  
down.  
I struggle,  
but the foaming  
white water  
holds me,  
about to kidnap me  
and take me  
far away.  
Up.  
I push up  
to conquer,  
rising  
for air,  
rising from  
under  
that foaming,  
white water.

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