

QUICK WRITE By Jordan F.

As I got up from my chair I
turned around and noticed all the
smoke in my room as I thought to
myself, *what is going on?*

My roommate came in and
said, "I am making soup. Do you want
some?"

QUICK WRITE By Austin A.

I couldn't fall asleep in my tent.
I heard this noise outside and there
was a homosasquatchian. He started
to walk around my tent and then he
said, "Boo," and it was really my
friend, Carson. Then we heard this
noise from a bush about three feet
away. We saw these red glowing eyes
and this eight-foot creature standing
in front of us.

LIES By Amber G.

Verse 1:

When I look in your eyes
I can see the truth behind your lies
And when you put on that disguise
It's pretty obvious that you've got
something to hide from me
And I'm tired of pretending that
there's nothing wrong.

Bridge:

It's killing me inside
Putting up with this endless fight
Don't tell me that we'll be okay
Cause' it's just another lie

Chorus:

I just wanna know why
I'm the only one who's actually trying
This is overrated
I'm getting tired of your constant lying
Not enough effort
On your end of the deal
Gotta get through to you somehow
If you've got an idea tell me now

Verse 2

Is the truth really that bad?
I just wanna know
I'm being serious
But to you this is just one big joke
And I'm tired of pretending that
there's nothing wrong

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Chorus:

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Verse 3:

I'm confused
Do you even like me or don't you?
I really don't wanna waste your time
If the heart you want's not mine
And I'm tired of pretending that
there's nothing wrong

Bridge:

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My Life As It Was and Then...

By Rebecca V.

The night was dark and I was far away from any cities, towns or even a house (other than the dug out hole in the ground my family called home). I had snuck out to get food again because it isn't easy feeding all my siblings. I have Luke (my twin), Josh (who is nine), and April (the youngest who is three). Then there is me; I'm Ariana (but everyone calls me Ari). I'm thirteen and can't take care of myself much less Luke, Josh, and April. We live alone in an old mine shaft that was dug into a hill. We cleaned it out and were able to board it up so it is less likely to collapse on top of us. We hung hammocks that we sleep on outside in unless it is too cold or rains. Then we sleep on the cold, hard ground of the "house."

We live alone because last year our parents were brutally murdered by a man known as the Baron of the Sea. He was said to be a myth. We believed that until we saw him. He was ancient looking and had shining gray hair. We haven't seen him since that day and I have convinced the rest of the family he is dead. Of course Luke and I know he isn't, and that it is extremely possible from him to show up and try to kill us as well. Before they were killed, our parents told us we had special powers. I didn't believe it at that time but later on we found out it was true.

It had been a hot summer and we decided to go swimming. There was a pond about a half a mile from where we lived so we started that way. Once we got there every one jumped in and it was fun until I noticed something: April was missing.

I started to panic; how had I forgotten about my little sister! I searched everywhere in the shallow water but there was no sign of her. Then I saw movement. It had to be her. We found out a long time ago the pond didn't have fish. I ran over as fast as I could to the area I had seen something jump. I looked down and there was the most peculiar thing I had ever seen. April was sitting there on the bottom of the pond. It seemed impossible. She wasn't a very good swimmer and it was impossible to hold her breath as long as she had. As I looked closer I saw she seemed to have gills and slowly she was turning a greenish color. Her hands were flipper-like, as well as her feet. I couldn't believe my eyes. I yelled for my brothers to come see. Josh, who was laying lazily on the beach, wouldn't come. He thought I was going insane. When Luke saw April he dove down to get her. Why hadn't I done that! I was so surprised by the way she looked I hadn't thought about being worried about her. As soon as she was pulled out of the water the green was gone and so were her gills and flippers. Had that really happened or had it been our imagination?

End of Chapter One

LOVE IS A...

BY Izzy A.

Love is a thing of war,
a thing of peace,
hurts till the heart is sore,
longing just to be released,
love waits down there in the heart's
core,
but when it's set free,
it's more than likely,
to stay that way forever