

## 2020 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST WINNER

Theme: The Journey

10th - 12th Grade Poetry

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## The Journey

That contagious smile and I never took a picture,

Those funny remarks and I never sent a text.

I know I say I love you way too often but

I never know when it'll be the last time

I get to say it, and you, Cowboy,

are my reminder to say it

If I could have it all back I'd take the pictures,

Send the texts that I never got around to send,

If I could have just one more conversation with you

That's it, I wouldn't have to say I had any regrets

I wish I never had to put a friend six feet under,

But here we are six months later and it still doesn't feel any better

If I could just have a moment of your time,

but now I only have these memories

Of mine, all I have are these reminders of the cowboy

who left this world way too soon, and

I can't help but think that the song

I listen to on repeat is about you.

And now I'm standing here in the middle of June
The tears are flowing and my mascara's running,
But I don't care.

Because I'm standing over my friend's grave

Trying to be brave but it's hard. So as the cowboy

Rides away, everybody will know your name

And as your journey here on earth is ending

Your new one is just beginning, so just know

You'll be in everybody's hearts

And we'll pay tribute to the cowboy

Who rode his last ride

And made his final journey home

And earned his angel wings

As he's looking down on us

He'll be sitting with the kings