

2nd Place - High School Category

Belen

Buffalo Grove High School

Purple Pineapples

When I think of you,
I think of a leap of faith
from the top bunk;
ramen soup boiling over
in a kitchen flavored with cigarette smoke;
a turkey sticker deftly placed
on Mrs. A's faded green turtleneck
and the din from our hysterics;
the vandalized clay statue and a pilched stapler;
an Eeyore hoodie, despondent and pale purple;
a high-score where mine had been;
despair in an already stuffy afternoon;
words that weren't said
and those that were;
all the walks home,
the rubber on our shoes
whittling down slowly.