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## A Crossing

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**NIGHTMARISH DREAM**

Allison Graham

A dream is a nightmare  
 With all the right pieces  
 In all the right places  
 Seeing yours gave me a scare.

Mine are of glory and sun shining bright  
 Of grass and gleaming drops of dew  
 Yours are of dark forests and quiet streams  
 Where you find pleasure, I find a fright.

I followed you into a dream  
 Once upon a time and far away  
 You swam with fish and mermaids  
 As the sun made the waves gleam.

What struck me most, though  
 Were the sounds and the sights  
 As they pulled you under  
 And soaked you through.

I thought you must be mad  
 As you laughed and shouted  
 Could you not see the way their smiles  
 Spoke of something terrible, something bad?

Their smiles were wide  
 Their eyes were vicious  
 You saw no danger  
 But I could see it coming in: the tide.

I began to panic; my mind raced  
 I could not find a way to help  
 You still smiled, without a care  
 The tide came closer as I paced.

Then all at once, it was over  
 We were awake,  
 Staring at blue skies  
 And lying on a bed of clover.

We sat there together  
 Watching the wind toss the leaves  
 And then you smiled and said  
 Something I will remember forever

“A nightmare is a dream,  
 With all the right pieces  
 In all the right places  
 The only difference is the seam.”

**THE LADDER INTO THE CAVE**

Hayley Earnest

