1st Place: Sydney Gutelius, Age 12

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My Voice

My voice is the one that laughs with my friends
The one that talks with my neighbours

My voice is the one that answers problems in school

The one that giggles with my sister

My voice is the one that warns my family about the first bomb The one that screams as my house goes up in flames

My voice is the one that begs for food on the streets

The one that whispers while I hide

My voice is the one that weeps myself to sleep The one that prays for a better tomorrow

My voice isn't on the news or in your home It's the one you've never heard of, the one everyone's ignored

My voice is the one that could send powerful messages and do great things

The one that could find a cure for cancer or stop global warming

But my voice never even got a chance