

# 2016 MCC Creative Writing Contest

## Poetry Category

**Second Place: “Rain” by Jordyn Scholten**

Rain

It's raining again.  
Just like it does every year around this time.  
Standing outside the skin on your face gets wet.  
Eyes closed and facing the sky.  
Opening them you realize,  
The sky is clear,  
The stars are shining,  
The moon is at its peak.  
But why is your face wet?  
Lifting a hand and feeling your cheek,  
Why have I been crying?

### **JUDGE'S COMMENTS:**

The poem executes an interesting shift in both situation and point of view. Short, but effective.

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