

RGB Poetry Competition

***Poem entries from Newhaven
School students***

As if we have a choice by Robbie Hunt- Year 11 Newhaven School

Some poems force you to write them...

Like parents force you to behave,

And teachers force you to engage.

Like we're forced to be "normal",

And have a smile on our face.

Or how society forces people to fit into a category of race.

But we're scared...

Scared of the expectations

Scared of being hated

Scared of getting hurt.

Just because we're not cis,

Just because we're not straight

Do you really think we deserve

All of this judgement and hate...?

Just because we're not white,

Or not rich, or not strong.

Just look at our death rate

And tell me I'm wrong.

In memory of George Floyd by Grace Baker - Year 11 Newhaven School

Some poems force you to write them...

George Floyd **was** a black man

George Floyd **had** kids

George Floyd **was** a truck driver

George Floyd **had** a girlfriend

George Floyd **was** killed by a white police man

George Floyd **was** suspected of having a fake £20 note

George Floyd said

I can't breathe

I can't breathe

I can't breathe

I can't breathe

I can't breathe

I can't breathe

Did the policeman stop-no

Did the policeman carry on -yes

Did the police man place his knee on his neck-yes

Kids **now** in trauma

Girlfriend **now** in trauma

Everyone **in** trauma

The fear by Jayden Spencer - **Year 11 Newhaven School**

Turning on the TV just to see another dead

Seeing your families hearts fill up with dread

Being scared to leave your bed

How would you feel with a gun to your head?

Because your afro comb is threatening it looks just like a weapon

Get on the ground now or I will teach you a lesson.

Don't even try to run they'll shoot you just for fun

They'll come for your whole bloodline

For your beautiful dark skin

They'll wash your blood off their hands then they'll be free of sin.

Choice by Demi-Leigh Pentland- Year 10 Newhaven School

Choice,

I have a choice,

I choose to believe.

Believe in rights and equality

Equalising what's right

Is the right way to succeed.

If I think of what's happening around me,

I have a choice.

I choose to march for equality.

Equal we will become,

Equal we will be

if I choose to march for equality

I will march on until

We are heard

Hand in hand

Fists in the sky

“Black Lives Matter”

It's your choice to do what's right.

Home by Teresa Francisco Da Cruz – Year 10 Newhaven School

Home, Home, Home

Home is not just a place

It's a feeling

To me, home is Woolwich

When I'm going to the shops

And there is always a fair on Saturday

When all the market traders are yelling

Trying to persuade people to buy their fruit and flowers

Home Home Home

I love it when all of us kids from different cultures, race, families, religions and schools

Gather together after school

When I am walking home and I can smell the smell of chicken and chips

Seeing all students laughing and having fun

Not even thinking about where the future is going to take us

Home Home Home

It is sad to know, that maybe in a few years I won't live here anymore; that we won't live here anymore

That we are going to reminisce all the time we had together in our home town

Home Home Home

It's not just a place

It's a feeling

Box by Imri Doue – Year 10 Newhaven School

Do my step like one two man step

it was in my head like I'm out of

breath I'm tired of school want to

lay in a pool not a cold one tho

just a nice warm pool

1 2 3 4 my heart is never stopping I'm

trying really hard and my heart keeps

pumping

I'll never give up and I won't ever lose

I'm not a fool

I'm a smart young youth I'm coming through

Just me and you I'm gonna make it out

In the Night by Venice Alegrado – Year 10 Newhaven School

I like to draw.

I like to draw.

The things on my mind help me to draw.

My mind gets more creative at night.

Each night, my mind gets in control of my hand.

My mind is like a puzzle that's being fixed, not knowing that one piece is missing.

I like to draw on an ugly canvas

I like to draw pretty lines on them

When my mind is a tangled string, waiting for someone to unravel it.

I like to draw.

When my mind cannot find peace.

I like to draw. I like to draw with silver.

The thing I call my pencil, calls me each night.

The thing I call my pencil, takes the pain away.

I like to draw.

Always There by Quinn Perry – Year 11 Newhaven School

I'm the reason you're so cautious

I'm the reason for your being nauseous

I'm the reason for your heart beating out of your chest

I'm the thing stopping you from being your best

I'm here when you're with people or when you're alone

I'm the reason you can't pick up the phone

I'll be here through thick and thin

I'm the reason for the pain within

I'm here when you can't step out the door

I'm the reason you don't have friends anymore

I'm ANXIETY and I'll break you to your core

Mixed Love by Maya Holland - **Year 10 Newhaven School**

Dead bird on the floor like the clock on the wall, dead.

That cat. That cat that chases rats. That cat that chases bats.

That cat.

I hate that cat.

Why is that?

Well, she destroys lives and turns them into the past tense.

Silly cat. You know not what damage you cause.

You wretched, horrid predator.

I love you, but I don't.

I wish for you, but I won't, I would leave you, but I can't.

I'm Your Man by Elliot Turner - **Year 10 Newhaven School**

I am a green man

The man who saves your life

The man who can stop cars with just a blink of my light.

I am a green man who's frozen in time

Stuck in a box for the rest of my life.

Judge by Ameer Ashford - **Year 11 Newhaven School**

You judge.

You judge because of how people look.

You judge because of who people are.

Why?

You assume!

You assume he's going to steal,

You assume he's a thief,

You assume that because of his skin colour,

You assume that because he is black

You follow him around

Watching his every move

Trying to catch him snatching

Before you make your move:

He's doing what we all do, every day

He is innocent

He is pure

He is reluctant

He is sore