## The Grim Reality of Nuclear Warfare By: Shiloh Alderete

Amidst the fiery blaze and smoke-filled skies,

Lies the reality of nuclear war's demise,

Its impact upon both people and the earth,

Is one of horror and unending hurt.

The destructive force of a nuclear blast,

Cannot be quantified or measured fast,

For its damage is far-reaching and vast,

Leaving in its wake a world aghast.

In mere seconds, cities begin to crumble,

The aftermath, a life with nothing but struggle,

Radiation spreads far and wide,

Its impact on life cannot be denied.

From the physical toll on human bodies,

To the environmental damage that nobody sees,

Nuclear war leaves an indelible mark,

A grim reminder of its devastating spark.

The casualties of nuclear warfare,

Are not just those caught in the crosshair,

But generations to come, will bear,

The weight of its aftermath everywhere.

The environment too, is deeply affected,

Pollution and radiation, widespread and dissected,

The very air, water, and soil we need,

Become contaminated, a harsh and bitter weed.

As we ponder the realities of nuclear war,

We cannot help but feel our hearts grow sore,

For the impact it has on all that we hold dear,

Is one that fills us with worry and fear.

Let us work towards peace and understanding,

And strive to prevent this horror from expanding,

For the reality of nuclear war on people and the earth,

Is one that should never see the light of a day's birth.