



“The Hill We Climb”
by Amanda Gorman

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As you read these lines, think about:

- What do these words mean to you?
- What images, stories, or memories come to mind when you read or listen to these lines?
- Which of these selections feels most important to you? Why?

*We've braved the belly of the beast
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace
And the norms and notions
of what just is
Isn't always just-ice*

*We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another*

*Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
That even as we grieved, we grew
That even as we hurt, we hoped
That even as we tired, we tried
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious
Not because we will never again know defeat
but because we will never again sow division*

*If we're to live up to our own time
Then victory won't lie in the blade
But in all the bridges we've made*

*It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit,
it's the past we step into
and how we repair it*



*For while we have our eyes on the future
history has its eyes on us*

*We will not march back to what was
but move to what shall be
A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,
fierce and free*

*If we merge mercy with might,
and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy
and change our children's birthright*

We will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one

*When day comes we step out of the shade,
aflame and unafraid
The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
If only we're brave enough to be it*

How can you use your maker skills to create something that represents what this poem means to you?

- What is your favorite way to express yourself?
- What tools and materials will help you represent your ideas best?

