

Writing: 9-12th Grade. 1st Place.

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"Remember"

Remember.

Just because they're bigger,
doesn't mean they're right.

Just because they say they're right,
doesn't make it so.

When everyone is following
I don't have to go.

It's hard to feel alone.

It's hard to think I'm the only one who cares.

But if I don't show I do,
who will?

If I stay silent,
who am I hurting?

If I go along and know it's wrong,
more are hurt than just me.

I have to remember those who went first.

I can be like Elie Wiesel.

I have to remember those who chose to be brave
when it wasn't easy.

I can be like Irena Sendler.

If I stay silent,
who am I hurting?

What if the one hurting
just needed one person?

What if the one person
was me?

If I stay silent,
more suffer than me.

I have to remember those who showed me the way.

I can be like Corrie Ten Boom.

I have to remember that staying silent

hurts us all.
It hurts me.
It hurts them.
I can't just watch.
I can't wait for someone else to do something.
I need to be the one.
Which side do I choose?
I need to take a stand.
If I don't stand up,
the wrong side wins.
If I do stand up,
I'll never regret doing what's right.
What if the one hurting
just needed one person?
What if the one person
was me?
I have to be brave like them.
I can be like Anne Frank.
I have to remember.
Stand up.
Don't be silent.
Show others the way.
Remember.