



The Love of a Mother, by Melissa Kastrati

First Place Winner of 2014 Poetry Competition, ages 9-11

I miss my son.
He was the sun on my face.
But then he left without a trace.
He fights in the war,
He fights for peace.

I lay here,
I cry every night,
Who will stop the fight,
My son's in danger,
I can't say he's safe and hug him,
My faith has faded, over the last 3 anxious years
But he is still in my heart,
I pray every morning,
I pray that he's safe.
I hope he'll come back,

I hope he's thinking about me,
Don't forget me, son,
Stay strong for me
Come back home soon,
I believe in you,
You'll come back strong,
I can't live without you.

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