

2021 MCC Creative Writing Contest

Honorable Mention – Poetry Category

“This Body is Not Mine” by Analise Krawczuk

entering my last year of secondary school means in 365 days from now i will be leaving this town i once related to a tin can/ the cut outs of people i interacted with everyday will be taken down and i will be left with the empty room i began with/ i need to accept some people do not grow up but simply grow old/ i need to accept my dog needs help going up and down the stairs/ i need to accept that my parents hair is greying and that i am done getting taller/i need accept that people are not obligated to stay no matter how much i beg/ its a smaller world than it seems but it is still bigger than this town/ i need to accept the county fair is no longer fun, it is now overpriced and crammed\ i sound like my mother/ i need to accept plans are harder to make due to everyone working a 9-5 as if that not what our entire life is going to be already\ i sound like my father/ i need to accept i am no longer eleven/ i need to accept i will not be seventeen forever/ i am not a god/ i am not divine/ my mortality is most interesting thing about me and that is frightening