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Sean Guiton, a former University School student, passed away recently at age 19 in a tragic automobile accident. This edition of the literary magazine has been dedicated to Sean, and much has been centered around his love of nature and the ocean. Sean's memory will live on in the hearts of the University School family.

Ripples

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For Sean

Every wave begins the same.
In the pure currents of clear ocean tides,
The winds of love shape the small ripple
And send it on its way.

Propelled by rising expectations,
Distinction becomes it, giving form
To the prospective individual.

Towering above the others,
This wave inspires the dreamer into action
And the realist to dream.

The arching of its mighty tunnel
And the blossoming of its colossal break
Are the wave's personal footprints
On the world.

Only once can it tell
The beaches, birds, and trees who it is.
Only once does it cleanse the shore
And wash serenely back to free.