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Life is Beauty to me because, without life,
the world wouldnt be a thing
All living things have a life,
that is why I admire life
Some beautiful things in life are love & food
because without those things the world wont
be admired/cherished
Also nature,
Parks near my area are beautiful and have
life in them,
plants and flowers.
The animals too have life
The sun is alive too,
with the clouds in the sky

Hector Cruz
Unit



Life is beautiful,
so take advantage and enjoy
I believe life is beautiful,
because in life,
there are so many things & places to
witness



For example, there are mountains to go
hike, there are forests to go & explore,
there are oceans to sail,
there are cities to go tour
I believe life is too beautiful
& precious to let it go to waste
I also believe life is beautiful
because life ends.

Knowing this helps me appreciate
what I have and makes me value everything
more

Sergio Perez
Unit

I AM

I am a juvenile in Los Padrinos
i wonder whats happening on the outs
I hear gunshots
I see homeless people drugged on the streets
I want to help other kids stay out of jail
I am a 14 year old youth
I pretend I am not here
I feel sad
I touch the sky
I worry about my life
I cry no tears
I am a juvenile in Los Padrinos
I understand my family misses me
I say i am going to college
I dream about being free
I try to go to school and graduate
I hope I become a probation officer
I am a juvenile at Los Padrinos

Joseph S.
Unit

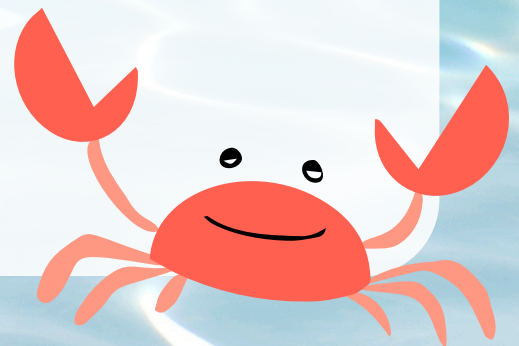


Food I like/dislike
I like crunchy boneless wings
I like the crunchy spicy taste
I like the aromatic smell
with the ranch on the side
and when I eat it I feel great
I dislike the sweat brown chicken
It looks like dog food
The hard brown rice, ill never eat
I hate the sweaty smell
I tried to like it
But the sweaty smell will never let me eat it again

BONUS:

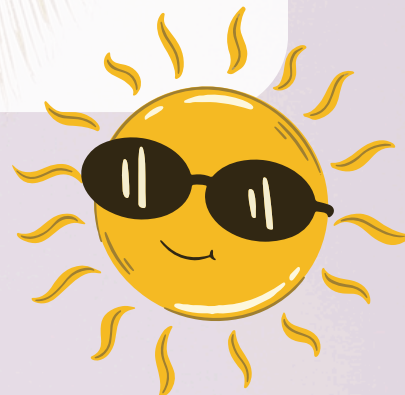
I once was a chicken
now I no longer have bones
Im friend with the atomic seasoning and smell
serve me with a side of ranch

Nelson S
Unit



Throughout life I've seen what's real and fake
scared of the outcome, death in my face
tragedies happen on a daily basis
kids ODing off drugs, this life isn't safe
I wanna see the better in me,
time for a new start
my head down like what happened?
coldness touched my heart
it's time for a new change, my soul was reborn
Tomorrow isn't promised, God forgive me,
I don't want sin no more

Segio Yanez
Unit D
3/7/22



Behind Bars by Carlos Palafox

While in the cages
looking around
seeing inmates
I'm in a deep situation
this will go by quick
While looking at the sky
just think about life
wonder what's next
waiting to be free.

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Unit D

Nothing is going to stop me.
You all shoot me with a gun but no matter
what you do I'm going to always run.
They can shoot me all day long but just like
the sun
I will always rise.
I am like the sun because there's a new
chance to make another day.

Juan Ramirez
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Using creative writing as a catalyst for personal transformation, these young people are empowered with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully re-integrate into our communities becoming advocates for their future.

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