

The Human Heart  
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Rationale: Albert Einstein once wrote, “The world is too dangerous to live in – not because of the people who do evil, but because of the people who sit and let it happen.” We are all merely human, but where the fight lies is trying to stay human. One of the things that binds us, above all else, is our humanity. As such, no human life is more important than another. As human beings alike, we have a personal responsibility to one another to protect and preserve the life and rights of those who have lost their voice or no longer have a voice. We – as individuals, as students, and at our very essence, as human beings – have the power to promote change because, unlike so many unfortunate others, our voices can still be heard.

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The human heart is kind and cold,  
And beats with an eternal flow.  
To fear, to love, to pump with pain,  
What makes us human we place blame.

A paradox, an impregnable truth,  
A world on fire, a forgotten youth.  
Remember, so not to forget;  
We are still human.

To change the future,  
We must remember the past.  
And not take for granted,  
What has been asked.

“Are we still human?”  
Questions the blind the man.  
He heard the news today,  
And he dare say,  
“We are not man.”

An artist dips her brush,  
Into her heart.  
And paints what comes apart.  
To feel, to love, to pump in pain,  
To remember in order to bring change!

A world scarred by truth,  
A world marked by eternal youth.  
We are the fire, we are the flame,  
We are the hope that will bring change!