

2022 Santa Fe Reads, NEA Big Read Poetry Contest Winner

**1st Runner-Up
Briseis Garcia**

Who Will Tell My Story?

If I tell my story
When no one is willing to listen
Who takes the power and glory?
And who holds it dear?

For my story is my heart,
Yet to the world I'm nothing but a ghost
A book the librarian forgot to find.
A writer who can't write when she needs to the most.

Writing is a lot like talking
But simply not aloud,
Or walking
Away from the crowd.

My story is mine
I write it day and night,
Line by line
From dusk till dawn.

For it is my story
I write it every second, minute, and hour.
A record of memories
Both sweet and sour.

So I ask you this
Who will tell my story when I'm gone?