

LOVE IS STILL THE KEY

Jacqueline DePorre, Class of 2020

Surrounded.
It's everywhere.
Check social media – it's there.
Take a break.
Watch a show.
You will still find it–
Trust me, I know.
Home for the weekend!
Another debate.
Tearing us apart – it feels like hate.
We don't have to agree,
It's better we don't.
Change comes from our differences,
Change gives us hope.
But, it's hard to cope
Trapped and surrounded
By words of disdain.
So let us debate! Let us talk and be free
But let's love one another respectfully.

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TIME AND SPACE

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Is it June?
Are you my son or are you
My brother?
No one is listening...
Where is my wallet?
Where are my keys?
I need to go home,
Someone says, "No, Dad,
You are home!"
No. Home is in
Palatka.
No one understands!

Jasmine Jordan is a second year medical student who enjoys books, music, and her faith in God. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Science in 2014 and received a master's degree in Neuroscience and Aging in 2017, both from the University of South Florida. This poem is dedicated to her grandfather and to all those who have loved ones suffering from dementia.