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Main Street

Third Place, HIGH SCHOOL CREATIVE WRITING

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The black man walks down Main Street
He has lived here his whole life.
Yet he is still frightened by the glares.
The white people, who just moved in,
Don't think he belongs.
The year is 1956.

The woman walks through the office on Main Street
She has worked hard for her place in life.
Yet her paychecks just don't add up.
The other employees, who get promotions and raises,
Think she deserves less because of her gender.
The year is 1973.

The gay couple walks into the church on Main Street
They have been waiting to start their life.
Yet the priest refuses to consecrate the marriage.
The man and wife, who are people, just like them,
Believe they are wrong for loving men.
The year is 2003.

The black, white, man, woman, gay, straight walk together down Main Street
They see equality and acceptance spreading throughout their lives.
Yet discrimination still rings in the hearts of people,
The fearful and the hateful, who see difference as a disease.
But WE believe it is our purpose to keep walking together,
Until freedom is here for all.
The year is now.