

2017 Elie Wiesel Competition

1st Place Junior Poetry

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The Playground

I see him
Standing alone by the jungle gym.
Here they come,
Oh boy, he's in for it.

"Hey kid!" I want to say,
"Watch out, you're about to get..."
Oh no.
It's too late.

He's down.
Bloody nose, tears streaming down from his eyes,
Crying out for help. It's terrible to see.
The boys laugh and walk away.

Nobody helps,
And that includes me!
Why? Nobody helps because
They don't want it to happen to them.

Rewind...

I see him
Standing alone by the jungle gym.
Here they come,
Oh boy, he's in for it.

"Hey Mike! Wanna shoot some hoops?" I shout out.
The boys look at me and walk off, annoyed, but I don't care.
Mike and I walk off, me thinking, why did I do what I just did?
As Hanns Loewenbach says, "Evil doesn't need your help, it only needs your
indifference."

Why be the one who makes the difference?
Because it's right. Don't have indifference toward others.
Be the one who changes it all.
Be the one who makes a difference.