

## POETRY

### *Craving Your Affection*

**Eliso Khatridze**

You wear your heart on your sleeve,  
Giving pieces to everyone you meet.

Yet I stand afar, craving your affection,  
Wishing for a moment to come when our paths align,  
A moment when I'll cross the line.

The pieces you share leave me torn apart,  
A fragment that was supposed to be ours but never was.

I watch from a distance, admiring you,  
Hoping for a day when you'll give me  
A piece of you.

#### **Author's Note**



**Eliso Khatridze** lives with her parents and a younger brother in Tbilisi, although the family is originally from Kutaisi. She enjoys writing poetry, short stories, and in her diary. Eliso has also written and directed an original play that was performed by the Gori Drama Club and Actor's Studio at Gori State University last spring. At age 15, Eliso has become the youngest contributor to our *Journal*.

We are proud of her creativity and hope it will inspire other young people to write in English.