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MONTHLY WRITING CONTEST

**AUGUST WINNER**  
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**THE GIRL WITH THE DOG**  
**BY ADDYSON DELPIER**

The girl with the green eyes will turn seventeen in sixteen days.  
Fear clamped down on her,  
Like the relentless jaw of a wild dog, squeezing her.  
The dog was unyielding and always has been.  
He had followed her around her whole life, nipping at her heels.  
A reminder that time will undoubtedly continue to pass.  
The girl with the green eyes could remember the dog barking at her  
When she stared into the dirty bathroom mirror for too long.

A copious reminder that time will continue to tick.  
The world will continue to spin,  
And the harrowing vision of growing older  
Was almost as deafening as the dog barking beside her.

The girl with the green eyes will turn seventeen in sixteen days.  
The dog barked persistently to such a degree that the girl could no longer sleep.  
With the girl's birthday fast approaching, the dog continued to bite her.  
And as the girl stared at herself in the dirty bathroom mirror on her birthday,  
Bite marks oozing blood everywhere that meets the eye.  
The girl with the green eyes looked above her at the clock.  
She watched the seconds tick by  
And she became more despondent.

The girl looked at the dog beside her, unable to speak.  
She hoped her eyes conveyed an adequate goodbye to the vicious being behind her  
As she shut the door, leaving him behind.  
Time continued to tick and seconds continued to pass  
However, the girl would no longer allow the dog's deafening bark to taint her mind.  
The girl with the green eyes would cover her ears and live the rest of her ephemeral life.