## Flower Breaking through the Concrete

This photograph features a pretty dandelion, but it is growing in the center of a concrete path or walkway. It appears to have broken through the concrete and fought for its right to live. This is obviously not possible in nature, but this picture is beautiful and contains metaphors that all people can relate to.

Everyone at some point or another has had to face oppression. We have all been called names, made fun of, and told that we can't. All different kinds of oppression, such as society, our peers, our government, or even our own family and loved ones, have crushed our dreams. This picture encourages us to push on and keep trying to achieve our dreams, just as this little flower did. If a little tiny seed could grow through a wall of concrete into a flourishing flower, why can't we humans overcome adversity to make our dreams a reality? This picture is poetic because it shows the importance of staying strong when faced with an obstacle. Whether it is a big obstacle or a small obstacle, we need to push through it, because life keeps on moving, with or without us. We need to move forward with our lives so we don't get stuck in the past.