

# ARTIST HIGHLIGHTS

## *Proud Punishment*

by Seven Green



**Seven Green...***this young teenager at 14 years of age, who is of Mohawk and African American heritage, shared this poem that reflects a serious tone of her mind and intelligence.*

*She was recently accepted into the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in New York City. Her talents in the field of Drama allow her to be a person of deep thought. Seven is athletic as well and enjoys singing too.*

**We were told to be proud  
To fight and kill.  
They call us the heroes  
of our countries.  
We need to eat  
More than handfuls.  
We must survive  
A little longer,  
Against the boom  
The silence  
The fall.  
Bullets like raindrops  
Dodge through the wind.  
Autumn  
We fall.  
Is it possible for us  
To make it  
through this punishment?  
Guns spit  
Bullets that fly  
And men go down.  
Permanent scars  
No safety no home no help.**

## *In America*

by Karen M. Glenn

**Karen Glenn** *is one of our regular contributors to PICEI CONNECTED with her thought provocative poems. She is a working mother of a teenage daughter, Shelby and an Event Planner as well as a Poet.*



*Karen places her thoughts and views of the world by putting pen to paper from her life experiences as a parent.*

**A child asks his mother  
for something to eat  
The mom sighs and looks  
down in defeat.**

**In her mind, does she  
ask the same man.  
Doing those things she  
cannot stand.**

**To get some groceries  
just a parcel or two  
Living in America.**

**A child asks his father  
Why do we have to move.  
Dad has to explain  
something called foreclosure.  
Need some clothes for you  
Why are we living in the car.**

**In America, the home of the brave  
Land of the free  
People are still hungry  
People are still homeless...and**

**We the people with opportunity  
We are still poor In America.**