Edirot’s Note

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Editor’s note

Sketch has been a platform for student writers and artists at Iowa State to publish their work for our enjoyment since 1934. But even more than sharing their work, these artists have expressed their humanity in a way that relates to all of us.

We live in a culture that increasingly undervalues the beauty and worth of a sculpture or poem. Sometimes it seems the only news that gets reported is of a destructive nature: cities in shambles, families broken apart, communities divided. It is up to us to remind the world how powerful creation is.

Histories of nations have been and continue to be documented through storytelling. A single photograph has been known to move entire populations to action. Art is the heart of culture; it is the ultimate expression of our humanity. Art has the power to connect us all, even across boundaries of generations, geography, religions, and ethnicities.

To our writers and artists: thank you for uniting us through your gifts of creation and expression. To our readers and viewers: thank you for joining us in our celebration of art and humanity.

Words on a page and images on a canvas have the ability to unlock desires, talents, joys, sorrows, actions, and friendships. Use them thoughtfully and freely.

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