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JENA NELSON | CLASS OF 2022

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After coming to the realization that my strongest inspiration is my sudden intrusive thoughts, I started and finished this piece in 6 hours. This artwork is a reflection of the grief and anger I have experienced over the past two years after the death of a friend from high school.

MY CURLY HAIR, MY BROWN EYES

JESS HARDY | CLASS OF 2021

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