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Hi, my name is Scarlett Allen. I was born and raised in Nacogdoches, Texas. I am a small town country girl. I enjoy fishing, hunting, riding horses, and humor. I am a big Astros fan. I love giraffes, they take first place of favorite animals in my heart. I love the fresh air of the country, and I am always up for an adventure! Thanks for reading my story!

Scars of Life

Some hearts are like diamonds, they seem delicate but are strong, and hard to break. Some hearts are like stone, they have nothing to lose, and also are not easily broken. Some hearts are like shined metal, but they can rust and dent quite quickly. Some hearts are made of pure rock solid ice, something has happened to them and or their life. They need to break the others hearts of stone, and diamond, and the metal hearts. The hearts of ice fight each other daily, just to be the one on top. All of our hearts have some kind of scars, some more than others ... some still healing. However the hearts of pure ice have the most scars, but hopefully some day our hearts, shall go to heaven. And Jesus will completely restore, the ragged scars on our hearts.

Up There on the Hill

Up there on the hill, stands a flag that is a bit ragged. Up there on the hill, there is a flag that is a bit ragged. Up there on the hill, there is a flag that never stands still, the wind plays with the fine cloth that stands on the pole. Up there where a flag stands, overwhelmed with the pride of its people. Up there, past the hill, stands the land of the free. Up there on the hill.

Writing Activity

1. In “Scars of Life,” Scarlett uses a metaphor to communicate her message. A *metaphor* is a figure of speech that relates one thing to another. In Scarlett’s poem, the metaphor she uses compares our hearts to types of stones or rocks. This is a metaphor because, of course, our hearts are not really stones. Take a few minutes and brainstorm a list of metaphors. Start with school, for example: “School is . . .” and think of some things to which you could compare school. After you’ve made your list, try writing a poem or short essay using one of the metaphors you listed.
2. In “Up There on the Hill,” Scarlett uses the phrase “up there on the hill” numerous times. What does repetition of this phrase do in this poem? Does it help communicate the author’s message? If so, how? Try writing a poem or essay that uses repetition. Does the repetition add to the piece? Does it improve it? Try adding more repetition and using less repetition. How does it change the feel of the poem?