

## Starlight

For as long as I can remember I have loved listening to music. I feel that I can relate to the lyrics of many songs within the alternative genre. One song, *Starlight* by the band Muse, resonates with certain aspects of my personality.

*The starlight, I will be chasing the starlight until the end of my life.*

I am continually searching for more knowledge and experiences. After moving to Las Vegas this became more difficult. At the end of my sophomore year I learned that Clark County schools faced additional budget cuts and I would not be able to take as many classes, even though I already had to drop some upon entering the Nevada school system. I was already falling behind my friends in New York and it appeared it was only going to get worse. Then I heard about the college high school program which offered me a chance to continue taking a large and challenging credit load. I feel this enabled me to catch up and get ahead. Now that I am a senior my search for knowledge continues in my quest to go to college.

*My life, you electrify me life. Let's conspire to reignite all the souls that would die just to feel alive.*

My friends and the people in my life electrify it. National Honor Society provided a chance for me to conspire with these people to help others. Toward the end of my junior year I volunteered at the Assistance League of Las Vegas and shopped with underprivileged school children. All of the clothes and school supplies they received were donated. The last little boy I shopped with was having a hard time finding clothes that fit him, nonetheless that he liked. When we finally found something he smiled up at me, thanked me, quickly gave me a hug and ran to join his friends. His name was Angel.

*I'll never let you go if you promise not to fade away. Never fade away.*

Out of all the people I have met there have definitely been certain individuals who will never fade from my memory. It had been about six months since I had seen them all last. During winter break I visited my old high school in New York. I peeked my head around the corner and saw her sitting at my old lunch table. She had goldfish in one hand and a spoon in the other. I ran as soon as she turned her head away. I collided into her in a rush of tears and smiles. She melodramatically threw her spoon and goldfish onto the floor and picked me up and spun me around. Sara and I spent the rest of the lunch hour talking like we used to, chattering like squirrels about the latest news and gossip.

The verses of this song relate to different, prominent characteristics I have. Throughout my education and extra curricular activities I have always wished to challenge myself and gain more knowledge and experience. By doing so I believe it makes me a more well rounded person. Paired with this is my caring about the well-being of others, especially certain individuals who are close to me. Because of this, I enjoy volunteering. In the future I wish to pursue a career in medicine so that I may help people not just in my community, but also on a global scale. I feel that SUNY Geneseo is the perfect college for me to take the next step.