

Atlantic Shores Christian School  
Chesapeake, VA.  
Heather Osborne  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade

If Only

In this place of torment and despair  
I looked up and saw Abraham with Lazarus standing there.  
I pleaded for relief,  
But I was denied, much to my grief.  
If only I had shed this cursed skin of wealth  
And given to others instead.  
If only I had removed the blinding conceit from my eyes  
And heard those needy cries.  
If only I had not gorged myself on fine things  
While poor, starved souls flew home on angel's wings -  
Then I would be where Lazarus now stands,  
Comforted by loving hands.