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### **Writers' Contest!**

Take this first sentence and write a short short of 500 words that includes the following words:

-barren  
 -hope  
 -timid  
 -wasteful  
 -joy

First sentence: *"There was nothing fundamental about the loss he perceived in his life; it hadn't fostered growth but rather a standstill in what seemed to be an inescapable winter of the soul."*

\*For additional inspiration through it's emotive melody, click below to listen to the song, "Winter Sun" by Dishwalla from the 2005 album, *Orphanage*, via YouTube.

The first place winner shall receive a \$15 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble bookstore and their piece will be published in the autumn issue. The second place winner will get to design the next edition of *Writers'*

*Contest* and have their piece published in the autumn issue. The third place winner shall have their piece published in the autumn issue.



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