

The News

When I turn on the radio to hear the news
I hear a man on the radio talking
In his deep and rusty voice
About a high school basketball coach
Emailing his plan and play of his games
To other high school coaches of other teams.
A high school coach from Las Vegas
Reported the email to the high school
And that's how the school found out
About what he was doing.
Then later he gets fired
From the school district,
But there is no one
Who can prove if other teams
Saw the email and changed their play
Of the game to win.
I hear about a report,
Of a police officer
Yelling loud at a black man's face
And using force against the young father.
In front of his family at an apartment complex
During the afternoon.
The police officer threatened the black man
And said bad words,
And it was all caught on video from a phone.
Because his daughter took a toy
From a dollar store.

I listen to another story
About a lawyer doing something illegal.
He was human trafficking women
Who were pregnant
The women had heavy bellies
He made travel arrangements
He flew them in secret in a private plane
From the Marshall Islands
To Arizona, Utah and Arkansas
To be able to give birth in the US
And then their babies would be
Adopted to families
Of course,
he gets arrested and is in jail.
The news is to inform you
About what is happening
In the world, community and cities
These stories I hear from bad people
Doing something wrong or committing a crime
Are stories from Arizona, but sometimes
I think about how there are more stories
Around the US that are about
Crimes, problems like education,
Economy and healthcare
Then I think that we need to
Love each other and be there for each other
For there not to be a lot of crime in the world.

Falling in Love

When two people have a connection
Or chemistry is not very common
You hang out with that person
You get to know him
But really from the first sight
You already know that you like him
You like his company
And the stories he tells you
Compel you to want to hear more
She is attracted to him and likes his personality
A month passes and she
Starts to fall in love with him
But the one thing she wants is to be a mom
And he can't give that to her
She decides to go back to
Her on and off boyfriend of three years,
Because she believes is the best choice for her
Even though she has fallen in love with a man
She met on a beach
Then 20 years later they reunite
After she got divorced and had two children
She realized that her heart belonged to the man
She met at a beach when she was younger
It's no coincidence that after all those years
She is meant to be with him
In the end she decides to be with him
Because that is where she wants to be

In his arms

Memory of Water

I remember as a child

Going to the river located in

Parker, AZ my dad would drive

With my mom, my two brothers and me

Every other summer

To go swimming in the river

I remember being in the water

And not being so cold

The water felt just right

In the summer the weather is hot

The water from the river

Looked dirty, but felt clean to swim in

The river is also deep, the distance of the river

Looked to be about a mile long maybe longer

It's wide enough for people to swim in

And boats to sail

As it increases further upstream

I remember the streams

As they moved

Alongside of a hill of a mountain

When I feel water in my skin

The water washes me clean

When I think of water, I think of

The water inside of a water bottle

As I take a cool drink to my mouth

The water makes me feel hydrated
From my thirsty lips
I used to live in an apartment building
with my family
Next to the office is the swimming pool
That I sometimes would go and swim in it.
During the summer the water from
the swimming pool is warm
The water from the pool I remember being clean
Except for a few leaves and small rocks
I also remember the water feeling like moisture
I believe water should be used as a resource
Such as the Hoover dam located between
the state of Arizona and Nevada
The Hoover dam prevents disastrous floods
of southern California and Arizona for which
the state of Colorado had been famous.
And provides water to irrigate farm fields.
Sometimes when I would go with my parents
to Las Vegas
We would drive by the Hoover dam
and I would see this historical site
surrounded with water.