4TH – 6TH GRADE

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6th Grade, Fremont
Winner

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5th Grade, Yorba Linda
Honorable Mention
RESILIENCE, BIG AS AN OCEAN

High tide
smashes the shore
and pulls creatures back
into the deep, deep blue.

Exhausted, the tide recedes,
yet pools of life remain in a chain
like a necklace on her breast.

Life is resilient.
Tide pools carry life,
however small
and seemingly unimportant.

Yet have you ever seen a tide pool?
Have you seen
graceful Anemone, waving her slender arms
or
Hermit Crab and his scuttling walk?
Have you felt Starfish,
with her textured skin?

These animals must be strong
to survive a difficult life.
Strong to hold on while
waves pound and pummel.

Each creature's life is important.
Direct or indirect,
these creatures' lives
are joined to ours.

Now
the high tide returns
with another spurt of energy.
Hang on tight!

— Aaliyah Ramirez
Ocean Bond

Calming clash; a wave about to strike again; soft
Something speaks to me

—Elena Brem