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3. Reema Samaha

4. G.V. Loganathan

5. Caitlin Hammaren

6. Julia Pryde

7. Michael Steven Poyle, Jr.

8. Mary Karen Read

9. Minal Panchal

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11. Jarrett Lane

12. Ross Abdallah Alameddine

13. A. Jamie Bishop / B. Ryan Clark

14. Waleed Shaalan

15. Nicole Regina White

16. Juan Ortiz

17. Lauren Ashley McCain

18. Matthew Gwaltney

19. Kevin Granata

20. Brian Bluhm

21. Emily Hilscher

22. Those Who Remain

23. Leslie Sherman

24. Daniel Perez Cueva

25. Matt La Porte

26. These Also Fell

27. Some Final Thoughts

Austin Cloyd
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The water where I enjoyed swimming day to day

Is where I used to be free.

I remember being happy, laughing,

The feeling I got running down a basketball court

Or spiking a ball into the ground.

The sounds of screaming crowds, loud whistles,

Slowly but surely turn to cries of sorrow,
Not scream of joy, but of terror, screeching, horrid.
Gunshots fill my head.
My plans of near future, my love and I,
Our happy family, sitting in our backyard
With our bright children.
These memories, taken away, a theft of non-existence,
By a familiar but deep, dark stranger.
Whether it was the trumpets playing loudly,
Or the shot drilling into my heart, it came, all so soon.
I was left in the silent darkness,
Everything black as night.
I saved lives of drowning ones, and now, here I lie,
Drowning, in a water so thick and red,
In my sea of lonely.

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