

Editor's Note

English writer Graham Greene claimed, "Writing is a form of therapy. Sometimes I wonder how all those who do not write, compose or paint can manage to escape the madness, the melancholia, the panic fear which is inherent in the human situation." When life is fragile, complicated, and ever-changing, literature provides that means of escape. It also provides hope—the hope that when society seems to value activities that dull the mind, there remain those intellectual and inspiring visionaries who provide friction on the slippery slope.

Working as student editor of the Bryant Literary Review has given me the opportunity to explore the creativity of others. As Cyril Connolly said, "While thought exists, words are alive and literature becomes an escape, not from, but into living." We respond to creativity; challenge it; feed off of it; and most importantly, escape through the insanity and despair of life into a life of freedom of thought, full of rich imagery and ideas.

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The following short stories and poems have been my means of escape, and I hope they provide the same experience for you.

Please read, reread, escape, and enjoy!

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