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Dear Jenny Magazine Editors:

I want to preface this submission by first thanking you all for considering my work in this edition of Jenny Magazine. Jenny is a fantastic magazine and I am very grateful for this opportunity to submit my work. I am a junior here at YSU and an English major with a Creative Writing minor. Writing is my passion, it is what I love. I do not know where I would be today if it was not for poetry. Poetry saved my life in more ways than one, and I hope you see the emotion in my writing. I dedicated this poem to the waters that flow through Millcreek Park, they are truly magical. Thank you for considering my work in the 22nd Issue of Jenny Magazine.

Essence of Life

I am everywhere around

And yet sometimes I cannot be found

Deep within the depths of the green

People are fascinated because I am free

All life forms can not survive without me

Endlessly flowing through the wild

You will feel born again, and for that I smiled

Your nostrils are filled with a fresh smell

There are so many different stories to tell

Your eyes play tricks as to deceive you

But I promise you I am not truly blue

To many creatures I am their home

They are safe with me, free to roam

I am not concerned with dangers that devour

Because they do not understand my power

The fish must never flee

Nor the butterflies that drift over me

It is all the same

They all understand my fame

The light shines upon me

I sparkle, so they claim

Now you understand

The world is safe in my hands