Emily Hernandez, The Game

You have done really well crafting this story about a girl who likes to become anyone but herself wants to beat her siblings in “the game”, showing a sense of confusion about identity, her own life track and her future. The beginning is very concise and straight to the point, explaining what “The Game” is and intrigued my interests into reading the rest of the story. One of the best elements of the piece is the details. Throughout the fiction, whenever you do details, it’s incredibly lifelike and easy to picture combined with elegant words and sentences. I especially enjoy the detail describing the bird’s eye view of the land below the airplane. As your words flow, I could see what the girl in the story see with my own imagination. Good Job! Empathy between readers like me and the girl is very strong and server as a important function in this fiction. I could mostly feel what the girl feels like given her experience of divorced parents and the intention to become anybody else. Dialogues and interiors are well handled as well since you never use descriptive words yet I could always sense that word from them. Astonishing ending, kind of want you to stop at “Gracie was headed to her hotel…”

There are certain things left to be discussed as well. I just said it was a nice introduction and setting yet the exposition of two pages still feel a little bit long. The thought of “quickly enter the story I can’t wait” came to mind when I was reading. And another problem I wanted to mention is really just a wish in my mind. I was hoping to see the girl changes, in any way, through the course of the story. Yet she did not and thus, leaving me kind of disappointed because the story only describes what is normal to the girl (yet unnormal situation to the readers). This is totally up to you, but the girl kind of only acted very coherently throughout: trying to be someone else and beat her sister (which happens in her past as well). I believe making her do some change would do much good to the story.

In all, it was such a pleasure to read your story. Keep it this way, please!