

2025 Elie Wiesel Competition

2nd Place Senior Poetry

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How Artificial Intelligence Will Redefine the Future of Humanity

A world where machines learn to think,
Not made of flesh, but wires and links
It seems like science fictions dream
But now it's real or so it seems.

Artificial minds so sharp and bright,
Changing how we live and how we fight.
They're not alive, but still they grow,
Learning faster than we know.

Will they change history, shift the course?
Direct our future with their force?
Have they already changed today,
In ways we've missed or turned away?

In every app, in every screen,
They shape the world we've never seen.
In school, at work, in every place,
They leave their mark, they set the pace.

It's exciting, yes, and kind of wild,
To think about a future styled
By things that think, but aren't alive,
And yet, they help us to survive.

But also, there's a hint of fear

What happens when they take the steer?

Will we be lost, or left behind,
While AI runs ahead of mind?

It's scary yes, but also bright,
A chance to dream, a chance to fight.

Will we control it, or let it take
A path that we can't yet forsake?

History's still being written now,
With each decision, we make a vow.
What part will we play, what role will we find?
In this new world AI will bind.

The future's coming, fast and near
A world that's exciting yet unclear.
It's up to us to guide the way,
And how AI will shape our day.