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“Passing Down”

Artist Statement

My poem, Passing Down, is about the people who gave me hope for another fun, successful year in band. The first part is about a senior who became my close friend and gave me hope and self-confidence last year. The second part describes my fear that the band experience would lose its excitement and threat I would not be “good enough” to replace her as section leader when she graduated, followed by the renewed hope, pride, and gratitude I felt after getting to know the new members of my section this year.

