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This original photo was taken by middle school student Trae Jones.

### **The Road Ahead**

A story by Kasmita, seventh grade writer



Dawn looked at the road before her uneasily. She did not take another step, as if frozen in place, but she knew what she had to do. She gathered herself and walked over to the edge, gravel crunching loudly in the silence. Dawn peered over the edge, and suddenly, her breath was sucked from her. The road danced down to sprawling valleys and far off fields of wheat. She gazed silently upon the distant mountains that were full of lush beautiful forests and shining clear blue lakes in the warm afternoon sun. It was like a picturesque painting. Distant bleating could be heard. The warm wind sang across the valley. Dawn laughed in spite of herself. This was what she was made for. She needed a challenge. It had been there, waiting for her, on the other side. Adrenaline rose inside of her and leaped. She took one last small glance at the lonely old dirt road, the past that she had always known, and she took off running, toward the mountains calling to her. The lakes, bushes, and the forest. She was ready. She slung her pack onto her back. Her footsteps fell loudly in an even rhythm. The sky cleared for her, because she felt like she was ready to take on the entire world. It was her time, her journey, her life. She laughed at the road before her.

**What do you like about Kasmita's writing style? Which writing trait(s) does she excel with?**

**What story or poem might you write inspired by this photograph?**