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Stifled

My soul stands still
Captured by the swarm
Of students who painfully wrestle
To make sense of the parts and pieces
Of a day wounded by an alarm of war.

Their whispers buzz then muffle
 what matters,
As they grapple to fend off a horror
Hushing the hours
In wait of a calamity

Their innocence resounds
With a clatter of questions
To know why
Rather than why not.

By Leslie Arnold

- This poem was written while I was teaching in a high school where we had been evacuated shortly after the first plane crashed into the Twin Towers on 9/11.