

# Urban Cadences in Idaho's Freak Alley



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Don't Give Up By David Pattee 1st Grade	
First Time	Second Time
I felt	I felt
Scared	
	brave
	kinda
Nervous	nervous
My heart was beating	My heart was beating
	Really, really,
fast	fast
I tried	I tried
I Didn't really make it	
	again
I failed	
	I made it.
Landed on	Landed on
my hands	
	My feet
I fell.	
	I didn't fall.
I thought,	I thought,
"I am kinda good."	
	"I am good."
"I wanna try again."	"I wanna try again."

**Freak Alley**  
By Cecilia Pattee

Antes	Hoy
¡Mira!	¡Mira!
nada	
	colores
soledad	
	vida
bacio	
	cuentos
nadie	
	todos
me visita.	¡me visitan!
Gente pasa	Gente pasa
mirando	mirando
hacia	hacia
el pizo	
	los detalles
No	Si
toman fotos	toman fotos
sostengo el espacio de	sostengo el espacio de
a dentro	
	a fuera
ben, te invito a	ben, te invito a
entrar	salir

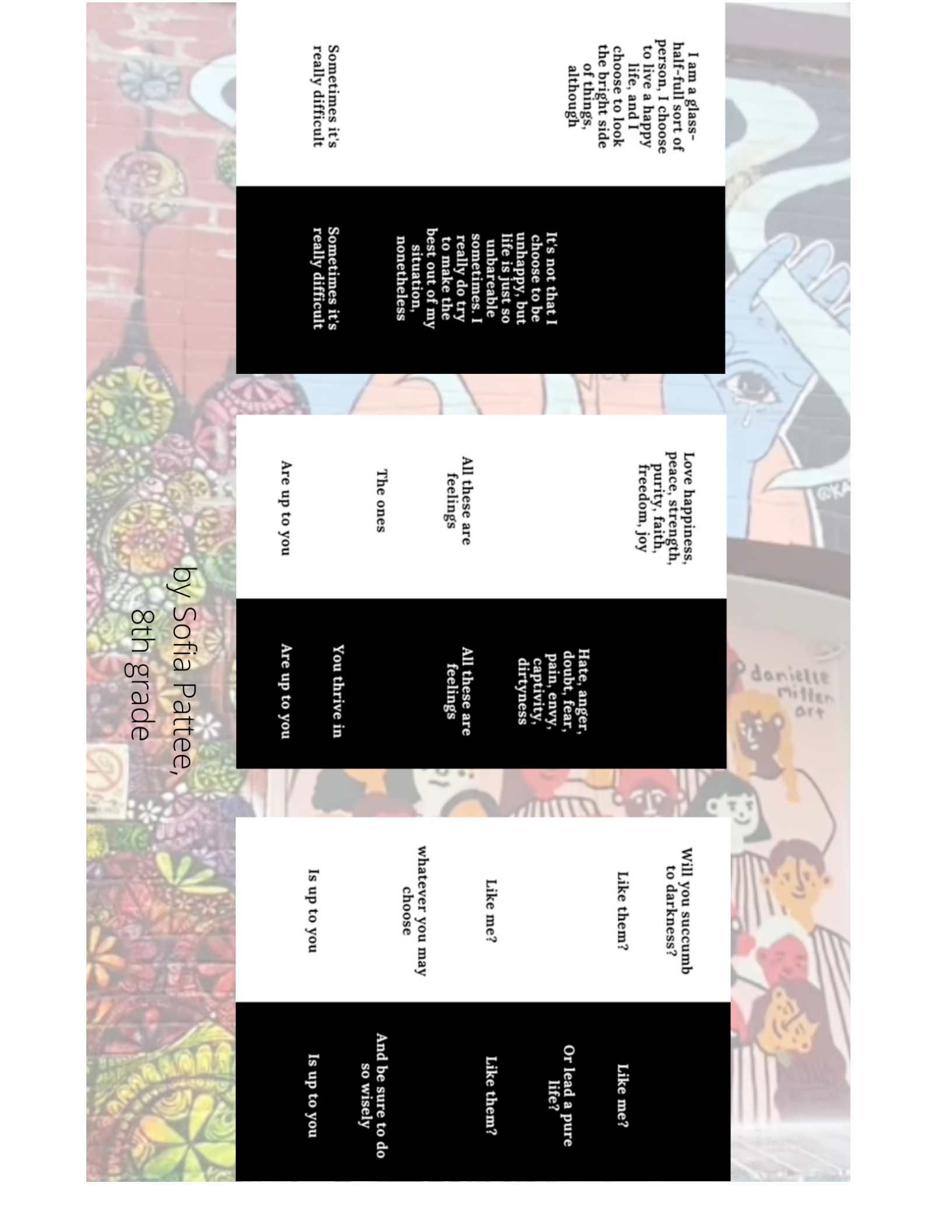
***What rhythms, beats, cadences do you hear  
in an outdoor space near you?***

***What multiple perspectives intersect?***

**Create a 2 voice poem to represent these  
perspectives and the cadence.**

**Invite someone to read it with you.  
Record it and share!**





I am a glass-  
half-full sort of  
person, I choose  
to live a happy  
life, and I  
choose to look  
the bright side  
of things,  
although

Sometimes it's  
really difficult

It's not that I  
choose to be  
unhappy, but  
life is just so  
unbareable  
sometimes. I  
really do try  
to make the  
best out of my  
situation,  
nonetheless

Sometimes it's  
really difficult

Love happiness,  
peace, strength,  
purity, faith,  
freedom, joy

All these are  
feelings

The ones

Are up to you

Hate, anger,  
doubt, fear,  
pain, envy,  
captivity,  
dirtyness

All these are  
feelings

You thrive in

Are up to you

Will you succumb  
to darkness?

Like them?

Like me?

whatever you may  
choose

Is up to you

Like me?  
Or lead a pure  
life?

Like them?

And be sure to do  
so wisely

Is up to you

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