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## Subway

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*Sophomore Jane Erb, art editor of EXILE, joins the automatic millions who ride the . . .*

## *Subway*

BY JANE ERB

The catacombs  
Of a newer age,  
Stuffed with sickly air  
Inhaled and exhaled  
By too many lungs—  
Skulls, gray green  
In the murky dimness  
Move detached at a  
Practiced speed.

Long low arches  
Twist grotesquely,  
Shooting pains  
Of sudden aloneness  
Into staring  
Passengers waiting  
Numbly for tombs.

Persecuted platformers,  
Existing only in  
The hope of what  
Comes afterwards,  
Martyrs who live  
Death beneath  
Those and that  
Above.