

SNOW! – By Julia Alvarez

VOCABULARY

People:

Yolanda --

sisters:

Carla,

Sandra

Sofía

narrator

first person

family

President Kennedy

Nuns

Catholic nuns

Sisters of Charity

hefty women

grand mother

teacher

Sister Zoe

Sister Bernadette

Immigrant

Communist

“Mami” / Mom

person

Alvarez Children

Places / Locations:

Dominican Republic

New York City

Cuba

(State of) Vermont

Soviet Union – USSR

US

Catholic school

apartment / home

nearby

seat / first row

apart

laundromat

hall

floor

bomb shelter

my side

sidewalks / pavement

cars / parked cars

alma mater:

Middlebury College

ground

NATURE

sky / skies

stars

clouds

Time:

1962

fall / winter

November, December

fourth / sixth grade

month

morning

at first

childhood

Events:

Cuban missile

crisis

nuclear attack

panic attack

radioactive fallout

confrontation

Cold War

World War II

(1935) 1939-1945

collapse

emigrate

holocaust

air-raid drill

world peace

Religious event

rosary

Emotions / Reactions

panic

mourning

like a lot

wide-eyed classroom

looking worried

shocked look

expressive look

dreamy look

Objects:

nuclear bomb

dolls

special seat

window

bell

blackboard

chalk marks

desk

dots

balloons

crystals

powder

workbook

catechism

stories

snowflakes

dust

Food:

cornflakes

Animals:

birds

Musical**Instruments:**

Pianos

Position:

below

instead

Qualities:

hefty

peculiar

grand-motherly

lovely

whole (entire) / all

slowly

wide-eyed

supposedly

ominous

soft

dusty

cold

dark

frosty

random

ballooning

shock

warily

different

fine

irreplaceable

beautiful

fiction

closely

Plants:

flower

roots

Clothing

long black gowns

bonnets / wimple

coats

skirts

Contractions:

we'd = we would

interminably

accentuated

Amounts:

whole (entire)

flurry

all of us

lots and lots

full skirt

Languages:

English

accent

sentences

grammar rules

Colors:

black

white

IDIOMS:

holocaust was in the air

my mind would take off

soaring into possibilities

Parts of Body:

head

hair

ears

breath

face

mind

tears (sad sad tears)

back

ACTIONS:

rent

teach / taught

say / said

pronounce/ enunciate

tutor

disturb

repeat / tap

pick up (learn)

assemble / frame

train (aim)

explaining

file (make a line)

fall / fall out / fell out

imagine / suppose

draw / drew / drawn

dot / diagram

kill / nurture

grow / grew (temp.)

follow

sit / sat

day dream

shriek

jerk around

hurry

cry / cry out

fade

laugh

hear / heard

lose / lost