

Far Rockaway

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Three years of hell
Three years of living with no heat
Three years since they've seen their loved ones
Three years since their lives were turned upside down

Everyone has forgotten their souls
Forgotten the horror they live with every day
Forgotten how blessed we truly are
To feel safe, secure, and warm in the places we call home

Only a select few still remember these people
And are doing anything in their power
To enable these traumatized humans to embrace the feelings
Lost three years ago

This trip has revealed to me many important lessons
Whether it's ways to make a difference
Or how desperate some people are in need for support
Or even if an event isn't in the news, doesn't mean that it's not important
There's more but it is not possible to name them all

I will take these lessons to heart
And continue to do good throughout my community and beyond
For there is no better feeling
Than the feeling of knowing that you've made a difference