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1st hour--Film Study
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The project of the Quarter

The poem I chose reads:

We little knew that morning
That God was going to call your name.
In life, we loved you dearly
In death, we do the same
It broke our hearts to lose you
You did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home
You left us precious memories
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you
You are always by our side
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same

-Ron Tramer

This poem connects to Rue's death scene because of the emotions and the manner of her death. Rue's death shocked the characters inside the film and a shock to the viewers watching the movie. This shock connects to the first two lines of the poem, which reads, "We knew little that morning that God was going to call your name." (Tramer). We can see Katniss and Rue's shock and progressive realization when the characters are reacting to this fatal blow.

The response to Rue's death was riots in District 11. Her death was upsetting because she was young and innocent, and she had no reason to die. District 11 lost an innocent member of their community, which was the final breaking point. In defiance, Katniss turns to the camera that is broadcasting the games and performs the three-finger salute. This salute scene cuts to a member of the audience within Rue's district, which connects Rue's death to the rebellion. The citizens of District 11 respond with the same gesture, signifying that they support her. The response to Rue's death connects to lines of the poem stating, "In life, we loved you dearly In death, we do the same It broke our hearts to lose you." (Tramer)

Before she dies, Rue and Katniss hold a brief conversation. Rue makes Katniss promise her that she will win the Hunger Games, which is her dying wish. This conversation is strikingly similar to the conversation Katniss had with Primrose before she left. This particular moment in the scene connects to the line, "Your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, You are always by our side" (Tramer) because Katniss's promise to Rue is what allowed her to keep fighting to win. Rue reminded Katniss of Primrose and loved her like a sister, which is why this connects to the line "Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same." (Tramer). Because Rue reminded Katniss of her sister, Primrose, they could bond easily and quickly, which added to Katniss's devastation.