**When Included**  
by Jordan Carlman

When you are just one character  
Included in only one word  
Living out a sentence  
Of a lone paragraph  
In a single book  
At a library

It can be hard to read the signs.

You make a sound  
Shared with your neighbor  
To contribute to an expression  
Which means more than you can know  
And that is precisely how it is supposed to be  
Because you are a part of what is now being written.