

## ABSENT MA'AM

Many people are disturbed about the fact that they are poor and end up being poor families and therefore constantly believe that it's a hindrance to their success. It was rooted in their minds and hearts that being poor truly seems so different of what could rich people achieved in their lives. Indeed, it is hard being a poor, but we should always bear in ourselves that nobody lives without sufferings.

Just like in the literary piece entitled, "Absent Ma'am", poverty connotes as a form of success. It doesn't matter as we are resilient in all our struggles. They say, the rich are getting richer and the poor getting poorer because the poor easily give up. That's why, we should eradicate this in the perspectives of others. But, the question is, how are we going to prove that it wasn't true? Nevertheless, we should hold on, even though the world may say, "give-up!", because there is always "hope" that will whisper, "try it one more time!".

We cannot predict the upcoming life events that are planned by God for us. However, we can do things better in our present time, if we wanted to live of our best in the future. Our family serves as our strong motivation here in the world. But, what if, a moment that we have feared- of will suddenly come? A moment that they will leave us in sorrow. Would you just end up your life being miserable, or continue living strongly for them? As children, we are students and teachers of our lives. Let the world be our positive classroom wherein we are both teaching and learning with the life experiences. Though, we are in the wavy roads of our journey, it's not the end of time to raise up ourselves to light up the world. This reflection awakens the seeds of good deeds lay down in our minds. We are all called to live with the inspiring message of Socrates, "Life without sufferings is not life".

# ACROSTIC POETRY

**A**sk yourself who fall on a wrong road

**U**nderstand why you became crumpled as a paper

**T**ry to hold on as spring glows

**U**nderneath the skies are the foot step all alike

**M**orning of your fall can be beautiful

**N**o man will not fall, for they will still grow and glow

We are born with the sense of meaning and purpose. We are all humans, the same in nature but different in the ways of nurturing it. Just try to look our environment, make realizations of how wonderful it is. Try to imagine how it existed and how it gave so much meanings upon our lives. Isn't it so deep? Indeed, it's very unexplainable. It is truly hard to express what we can say about it, because words are not enough to describe it. Just like in life, we are like trees with different varieties, but we are all the same standing firmly and strongly.

We cannot deny that sometimes of our lives, we feel so much grief and tiredness. We even say, "I can't take this anymore!", but still we always see hope every time we will open our eyes for it. Do you wonder why? It's because God is carrying us when we cannot almost step up in our direction. We cannot absolutely imagine it how, but just believe and He will let us understand it to the fullest.

Life is always accompanied with struggles. But it depends on us, if we would let these challenges weakened or strengthened us. It is our choice that had shaped us today. It is up to us, if we will let ourselves living in miserable or continue striving for the real joy. We may sleep with worries, but if we will pray for it, a beautiful morning will always awaken us with brightness.

Never lose hope! Start your days with positive thoughts, words and deeds. Even though, everyone will bring you down, God will never let them hurt you. You are not journeying alone, you are very much enlightened in His radiance. You may fall, but just hold on, and you will grow and glow!

## WAVES OF MEMORIES

Choosing the person that you want to share with your life with, is one of the most important decisions any of us makes ever. Because when it's wrong, it turns your life to gray. Sometimes you don't even notice, until you wake up one morning and realize years have gone by. The memories you have shared together was now hidden at the darkness in times of love.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserve. Love never fails." Love waits when it's true at both persons able to wait until destiny finds a way for them.

This story made me realized that everything takes time. It takes time to heal wounds. It takes years that you can find your happiness in the person that you really want. Life is composed of different waves that would take you to different places, people, memories and love. You will able to meet the things that probably destined to you. Until, one day you'll realize the emptiness in your life. No words can explain the twists in this story. The hardships that you have encountered will be tripled when you see how miserable your life is. Regrets, choices, attempts, tries we are like this, but we cannot make because of our fear. We are afraid that the waves of memories will haunt us forever.

One thing is, if the chance was not given, you should have to leave it, accept and take the road not taken. Means, you should open new doors because behind those doors are the happiness waiting for you. Despite of these challenges, there are times that you can ask yourself definitely, "I doubted, should I ever come back?"

Coming back in the past is really that hard, but just try to wonder you can't just move forward without clearing your past experiences. Because, you can find your way back home, if it is what had been planned for you by our Loving God. You can find of where your heart is. That's why, when you have a chance, grab it because it would take millions of agonies and pains before you'll be fine again. It would take countless tears before you'll learn and be healed. It would take a one person realizes that he needs to let everything go. Since, memories are very great moments you need to choose what's yours because maybe, we don't know on what place will that waves would take, maybe high and low.

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