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The Immigrant Mother

"[A] mother is one to whom you hurry when you are troubled" as was stated by Emily Dickinson This quote reflects how important a mother is to her child. A mother puts all her hope and dreams into her child no matter how hard she work. "Immigrant Mother (Lovely to Me)", by Taiyo Na is a poem about being a immigrant, the struggle of life, and love.

The first theme of the poem "Immigrant Mother (Lovely to Me)", by Taiyo Na was about being a immigrant. The author, Taiyo Na has a immigrant mother who left her homeland for her five children with a lot of courage. A quote from the poem shows that her mother is not just a immigrant but also a single hardworking mother which is " I got an immigrant mother ,ain't no one like her" Her mother might have wanted a new start for herself and her children in America. Her family may have a bad life in their homeland so they move to America for a better future. A fresh new start is an important turning point for the immigrants who want a better life than they had in their homeland.

Immigrants might have dreams that they want to fulfill when they arrived in America. Those dreams were unable to be fulfill if they didn't immigrated because they didn't have that many choices back home. The mother had strong determination to fulfill her dreams by leaving home and moving to America with her children. A quote from the poem shows that author feels the same way about her mother having strong determination was "It takes a whole lot to leave your homeland". Her children was the important part of her dreams which was to open a path for a better future for them. Dreams are ideals and goals that make people want to success and open a path for themselves in the future.

In order to fulfill her dreams she needs to have strong will and determination in order to move forward and work to achieve her goal and dreams. When she has determination she will need to have hope that the dream will come true one day with dedication and hard work. She need to believe that she can succeed in order to have a good future for her children. Today people need to have determination to achieve what they want in life without stopping or giving up that easy without trying. Determination is the key to succeed in order to accomplish one's dream and goal in their lifetime.

The second theme of the poem "Immigrant Mother (Lovely to Me)" ,by Taiyo Na was mainly about the struggle of life that the mother faces in her new life as a immigrant. The mother struggles in her new life because at work she has deal with low pay salary as a immigrant. While facing low pay salary she has to work overtime with no benefit of increasing salary. Her low salary isn't enough to support her big family because she is a single mother who is the source of income of the family. Today many families in America faces similar situation like this family.

Beside struggling at work, she has to deal with a lot of work to do at home after working hard till evening. A quote that supports this claim was "Working to the evening, then cooking and cleaning". At home she has chores to do such as cooking dinner and washing the dishes for her five children every evening. She has do cleaning like laundry and picking after her children's dirty clothes. Another chore is to make sure the house is clean like mopping the floor and making sure the furniture is not dirty. These chores are share by each member of the families that we see today because it like a training to become a responsible person.

Another difficulty the mother deal with was learning English as a new and second language. She has to learn English in order to fit in with other people in the new community that she lives in. Learning English will help her communicate with the residents in the neighborhood and at the school where her children goes to. People ignored her in meetings at the school because of her accent and not able to speak English during the meetings. In end she tries hard to learned English so she wouldn't be ignored by others and able to be part of the school meetings.

The third theme of the poem "Immigrant Mother (Lovely to Me)" ,by Taiyo Na was about the love between a mother and her children. The love of her children was the determination that makes her keep on going to achieve her goal. Without the support of her children she wasn't able to go that far in her life. Love is what make us strong and determine to go all out to find our goal in life. The children in the end receive that love and in return they are thankful for having it. The children see it as aspiration to open their own path to accomplish their dream. A quote that support the claim was "through her, how I learned love is brave".

The author views that her own mother is her role model when it comes to working hard to achieve her goal in life. She learned from her mother that working hard is the way to make a dream come true and the love from her mother show her the way. Along the way she tries to support her mother by helping around the house doing chores such as cleaning. Her support is another way of love from her to her mother.

In the author's point of view of the author she can tell that her mother lacks love from others beside the children. The author saw her single mother had terrible experience in relationship due her struggling and working hard in life. The quote that supports that was "She got lonely, so she fell for stupid men". Those experience made her lost confidence in love and made her more depress. She put mostly of her love into her children and her time working hard for her goal. That author worries about her mother when it comes to finding love when she is lonely because those experience have negative impact as a result stopping her from moving forward.

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immigrants, struggle of life ,and love. The poem was about an mother struggles in life as a immigrant for her children by working hard. The children felt the love of their hard working mother and they are thankful for it a lot. The author was one of the children saw how her mother work as a immigrant. The immigrant mother has a strong will and determine to support her family by working very hard night and day.