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Be Yourself, Because You Are Still Rising

The poem, “Still I rise” by Maya Angelou, tells’ people that in life there are lot of challenges and difficult things waiting. One should challenge his or her heart and face to them. I know it is not easy for people, but they should have dreams, and achieve their dream. It’s their power. People have weakness, and they don’t care about their weakness. It’s very important to change weakness and then get better than the old version of oneself. In addition, one should triumph over adversity are have strength and courage even though. But it’s not easy for all people. Sometimes if one envies people, it can make power and you should have good karma, which is a challenge that requires strength and courage to do, and what is right for you regardless of whether someone because it’s significant.

When one envies people, and one is wondering why they are better, it can be away to find weakness to change in oneself. From poem states, “You may write me down in history with your bitter, twisted lies, you may tread me in the very dirt but still, like dust, I’ll rise.” implying that people are always talking behind other back. People will spread whatever rumors they can conjure, just to make others go down, but one should have a good mentality to face the all problems. When a person solves the problems, he or she will rise on his or her road. For example, when first arriving and learning English in a high school in Tennessee, a new immigrant may not how to speak English and just know the twenty-six letters of the alphabet. Classmate may talk behind a new student’s

back and laugh at him or her. It's unclear why that is, but they just do it. It can make a person so sad that he or she might say to himself or herself silently, anything will be fine, he or her will get some English in his or her mind and he or she will understand what people were said. Although his or her English still no good, but they think they have good listening to people say, it's his or her progress, because they are rising.

People all know about "karma" which means when they doing the good thing, good thing will happen for them, but if they doing the bad thing, the bad thing will happen to them. Some people don't think it's the karma, because when they doing the good thing, they never get some reward for them, but if they did some bad thing, the bad thing must be coming to them. From poem states, "Did you want to see me broken? Bowed head and lowered eyes? Shoulders falling down like teardrops. Weakened by my soulful cries." Implying that people just know his or her bad thing for now then they will toxic to someone, making someone trouble, but they don't know and care about someone did good thing before. So he or she just silently crying and accept people punishment. For example, one person was taking the bus, the person sees the pregnant woman stay in front of him or her, so the person gets up and give her their sit, but the woman just sitting his or her sit and doing her business, no say thank you to person. The man was thinking that why I am give her sit, a lot of people got a seat but they don't want to give her sit, and don't care about she is pregnant. Why the man gives her sit, but she never wanted to say something to the man? on the other hand, the man going to buy something what he needs in the supermarket, and he saw the old man fall down in his front, and the old man try to get up, but he can't. In the moment, the young man just passing to old man and go around buy his stuff, when the young man passed to old man, people coming in the right time and see young man doing then they are going to help the old man get up and then they are lesson to young man say, "what are you doing before, why you see the

old man falling and no helping to him get up” the young man just crying and crying, he doesn’t know when he should help people and get reward and when he shouldn’t help people because he is rude. And now, he or her know just do his or her right, follow his or her heart, if they think it is right, just do it. It is progress, because they are rising.

Maybe one doing something making others upset, maybe one doing something make others sad, maybe one doing something make others lose anything. But the man just did something what he need to do. From poem states, “You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness.” Implying that people can do anything what they want, and hurt someone, if the thing is necessary. the young man doing something bad thing to friend. Make others upset. When the young man like 4 grade, he was naughty child. One day, he was want prank to his classmate, because he likes the girl, he come to class and see the girl chair, when the girl no coming yet, he using glue drop a little on her chair, when the girl coming to class, and she don’t know anything, just like usual day and find her chair sitting the chair, when the girl concentrate doing her business, the man just using the scissors to cut her hair. Finally, when the class end, the girl trying to get up her sit, and get out the class, but she can’t, she knew has something on her pants and she first think it’s must be the classmate did it, and she just crying and tell the teacher, teacher call her parents come to school and solve the problem, her parents lesson to the young man a lot, and the girl ignore and hate the young man too many years.

Challenge it not easy for everyone, but people should have challenge heart, because people are younger, do something others never did and to challenge themselves. Envy sometime is good thing for people, it’s target in people life, one should know people are weakness and changing

themselves. Have good karma equal people have good life and significance in his or her future and do something stupid thing maybe is fun in his or her life, because no one need bored life. Happy every day, and be yourself. You are still resing.