

Practice 6 Poetry

“Life Is”

- Mother Teresa's Inspirational Poem
Words to live by from a strong and determined woman.

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

Life is life, fight for it.

“Life Is” by [Mother Teresa](#)

MISTAKES

God sent us here to make mistakes,
To strive, to fail, to begin,
To taste the tempting fruit of sin,
And find what bitter food it makes.

To miss the path, to go astray,
To wander blindly in the night.
But searching, praying for the light,
Until at last we find the way.

And looking back along the past,
We know we needed all the strain
Of fear and doubt and strife and pain
To make us value peace, at last.

Who fails finds later triumph sweet.
Who stumbles once walks then with care,
And knows the place to cry "Beware"
To other unaccustomed feet.

Through strife the slumbering soul awakes
We learn on errors troubled route
The truths we could not prize without
The sorrow of our sad mistakes.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

A Great Somebody

by Adrienne Sealy Hardesty

I am a serious child
I am a serious child with serious goals.
My life is destined to be filled with positivity.
I am a worker.
If it takes hard work I will do it.
I am a clean somebody.
I know that if I lie down with hogs I can come up with mud
So, I will keep my mind, my body, and my character clean
I am intelligent.
My brain is a storage place.
I will fill it to the brim with knowledge, and look forward with hope of
what tomorrow will bring.
I am a child hero.
I don't spend time wasting time because I know there is room at the
top for me.
I am the GREATEST somebody there is.
Start LEADING me now, teacher.
Start GUIDING me now, teacher.
Start PRAISING me now, teacher.
AND you will see me rise to the highest heights.

"A Great Somebody" by Adrienne Sealy (printable)

The Tone of Voice

It's not so much what you say
As the manner in which you say it;
It's not so much the language you use
As the tone in which you convey it.
"Come here!" I sharply said,
As the child cowered and wept.
"Come here." I said.
He looked and smiled
And straight into my lap he crept.
Words may be mild and fair
But the tone may pierce like a dart;
Words may be soft as the summer air
But the tone may break my heart;
For words come from the mind, grow by study and art
But the tone leaps from the inner self,
Revealing the state of the heart.
Whether you know it or not,
Whether you mean it, or care,
Gentleness, kindness, love and hate,
Envy, and anger are there.
Then would you quarrels avoid
And peace and love rejoice?
Keep anger not only out of your words
Keep it out of your voice.
...Author Unknown

"Tone of Voice" - Author Unknown

“BEAUTIFUL”

Beautiful faces are they that wear
The light of a pleasant spirit there;
Beautiful hands are they that do
Deeds that are noble, good and true;
Beautiful feet are they that go
Swiftly to lighten another's woe.

“Beautiful”, *The Book of Virtues* by [William Bennett](#)

As A Man Soweth

We must not hope to be mowers,
And to gather ripe old ears,
Unless we have first been sower
And watered the furrows with tears.

It is not just as we take it.
This mystical world of ours,
Life's field will yield as we make it
A harvest of thorns or flowers.

--[Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#)

Poem by Haim Ginott

I have come to a frightening conclusion.

I am the decisive element in the classroom.

It is my personal approach that creates the climate.

It is my daily mood that makes the weather.

As a teacher I possess tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous.

I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration.

I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal.

In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated, and a child humanized or de-humanized^[6]