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## **Dare to Learn**

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*I try to see the world with different eyes...*

I imagine that my dark eyes that swallow light instead reflects all the seven shining colors of the rainbow so that I can see out a vibrant spectrum to an even more, alive, vibrant and beautiful world. It's a small world that we live in.

Yet we haven't paid heed to the lessons of our silent yet profoundly wise and ancient teacher – the nature.

If we pay attention to every minor detail we can see the lessons. It's there in the winking stars painted on a tranquil night sky, it's there in the feline grace of the predators, it's there in the whisper of the wind. Their imprint is everywhere.

In a patch of beautiful flowers, there are delicate blooms with hues as vivid as spring itself. No two blossoms are exactly the same, each of them are rare and special in their own flowery way.

That's how we humans are. No two of us are exactly the same, even twins. God has bestowed us our talents in such a way that we are all uniquely different. We need to accept each other as we are and coexist peacefully.

Birds on a branch are not scared of falling because its trust is on its wings and not on the branch. Trust your abilities and your instincts, they are usually right.

When we look up at the moon kissed, velvety darkness of the sky we can see stars that burn brighter than any mortal fire can. Some stars shine thanks to the darkness, some stars shine brighter than the others to overwhelm the darkness.

We should be like the latter, we should sparkle, shimmer and shine due to our inner light. Light so bright that it burns away the darkness. During autumn trees start shedding their bright green leaves in favor of donning russet coats and by winter the trees are devoid of leaves. By discarding their foliage, trees can conserve their water better and brave the harsh winter. And the ones who cling on to their leaves just wither and die.

That's how life is. Life is full of changes, some good some bad. But the faster we adapt, the more we have a chance of surviving. Change is the only thing that's constant in life, like nature.

In the wild, there are so many exotic animals. Some striped, some spotted, some predators and some prey. Yet they co-exist peacefully, their cycle of life ever eternal. In this world, every single individual is different and unique. If we all find a way of understanding each other and employ the principal of the term 'unity in diversity in our lives', then the world would be a much better place.

If we all realize how unique we are and utilize our skills to improve and adapt faster in this ever-changing world, and learn to respect and understand each other, we humans can do wonders and make the world a more beautiful place to live in.

Better ties between people of different countries will lead to flourishing trade, which will improve the economy of all countries involved. When we utilize our skills to the maximum, new innovations will happen, which in turn will lead to higher standard of living. All this will create more job opportunities as we will all try to leave our mark on the world however tiny it may be.

But we shouldn't ignore Nature, for it teaches its lessons of deep wisdom to only those who are not afraid to listen.

*What comes from the earth eventually returns to it.*

We humans are free spirits of the nature who were fashioned in the womb of Mother earth herself and we are not afraid to listen and learn.

*And so, we have.*

*And so, we will.*