

2020 International Essay Contest for Young People
[Children's Category – Honorable Mention]

Please take care of mother.

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Dear myself,

Please take care of mother.

Her knees are hurting,
The floor is uneven, her eyes are blurred,
Devastating not comforting her.

Please take care of mom,
Ten years ago, all of her teeth were gone,
Can she chew food now?
What kind of food does she eat?

Please take care of mom,
Ten years ago, she bought me shoes,
Very comfortable velvet shoes,
A pair of shoes,
It costs RM10, but I don't want to,
I want RM1000 crocodile leather shoes,
Hard shoes, which bite me in the end.

Please take care of mom,
Ten years ago, her throat clogged,

She eats too much carbon and trash,
Her gums are bleeding, she can't eat any more.

Please take care of mom,
She is our earth, our ground, our reality,
When she is healthy you will healthier,
She's our life, our paradise, our happiness,
Please listen to her whisper, please take care of mom.

Yourself,
22nd June 2030.