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The Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Kedah branch is proud to present the first issue of its e-magazine, The Epitome, as our focus to highlight our commitment to contribute to the areas of creative writing.

THE EPITOME aims to provide a platform for writers, educators, academicians, poet, and researchers to share their ideas, findings, knowledge, and experience, particularly on various creative writing genres - personal essays, poetry, short stories, songs, movie scripts, plays, and innovative projects in four different languages (English, Bahasa Melayu, Mandarin, and Arabic).

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear readers,

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we, the Academy of Language Studies at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Kedah branch, extend our warmest welcome to all writers and readers to honor all 127 artistic masterpieces. This is indeed a tremendous achievement to commemorate our debut.

We are privileged to offer the platform for the writers to show their talents in creative writing in this magazine, which serves as a testament to our commitment to the area of personal essays, poetry, short stories, songs, movie scripts, plays, and innovative projects. Their invaluable contributions and unwavering commitment to academic excellence have played a vital role in shaping this magazine.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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Here... I'm still standing
But you please stop waiting!
As there's no end to flee
From this struggle of mental shackles.

Before it's too late, stop waiting!
Run for your life and let me stay
For the shackles to shatter
When the freedom comes and I am the master of my own.

You don't belong here, hence stop waiting!
I'm afraid of losing you and others
I promise to remain steadfast
Though these shackles are embracing me till death.

Don't look back and stop waiting!
I won't surrender until
At one point, the shackles finally break free.

When the shackles rust away
I beseech you don't stay a little longer

If the shackles are tied to death
Don't come to my grave and mourn
Let me lay in silence and no pang of pain to others...



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