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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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JOURNEY

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I miss the time when I was a child
I never wanted to grow up
Everything was easy
Everything was exciting.

I miss the time when I was a child
Whenever I had the thought of being an adult
It always made me scared
Thinking of how hard everything could be in
the future.

I miss the time when I was a child
I miss the time when I went to school
I miss sitting in the classes, listening to my
teachers
Playing and laughing out loud with my friends.

I miss the time when I was a child
When my siblings and I would flood the
bathroom
With plenty of water and bubbles too
It was so entertaining.

I miss the time when I was a child
I would sulk and hide anywhere
Most of the time nobody would care
But that's fine as I healed on my own.

I am a mother now
A woman with a career
A woman with an ambition
Sometimes I feel lonely
At some point this journey suffocates me.

Being a mother
Some friends would think you do not need
company
As you are busy with your child
As you are thought to be so busy attending to
your husband
Some would also think you no longer need
friends.

Being a mother
With a career, some would think you have
everything
Sometimes you would feel you got deserted by
the outside world
You need company outside of the office too
You do not want to talk about work
You do not want to think about others just for
a while.

Being a mother
Would make you feel lonely too
Some might say "But, at least you have
someone to cheer you"
Sometimes you just feel like you are forced to
be thankful
When all you want is for others to listen to you
too.

Sometimes this motherhood journey is lonely
When your child is still in his baby language
phase
It feels like you are talking alone
Although the child is listening
In his own unique way.

The time that I feel like I had everything was
When I was a child
I had no money, not in a relationship
But I was contented
Filled with wonderful experiences.

I miss the time when I got to dream about
Whoever I wanted to be
Wherever I wanted to go
Everything was so colourful
I was so positive about life.

This journey has changed me a lot
As a daughter
As an educator
As a wife

As a mother
Most importantly, as a human.

When I look back,
I have countless beautiful memories
Which I treasure
Which make my life brighter
Making life more meaningful.

This journey has changed me a lot
My perspectives
My views about others
My expectations
As well as my efforts.

This whole journey reminds me
To always count my blessings
To love more
To give more
Without complaining.

This whole journey gets lonely sometimes
So, just fake it until you make it!



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