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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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WHY, PERHAPS...

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Dear love, perhaps you wonder why...
Why did I act in ways I'd never try
Why did I let go of all that I once held dear
Why did I not fear judgment or sneer

Oh love, you asked me why
Why I take chances I'd never dare
Why I no longer feel the need to compare
Why I choose to live my life this rare

Perhaps I was always reckless with my heart
Perhaps I wasn't brave, right from the start
Perhaps I thought my sufferings made me
tough
Perhaps I felt like I had enough

Perhaps you didn't know me back then
Perhaps I'm different now, from way back
when
Perhaps I've come to embrace the unknown
And I'm not afraid to be on my own

Perhaps I've realized that time is fleeting
And there's no point in retreating
Perhaps it's time to listen to my heart
And let it guide me to where I should start

Perhaps I'm no longer the person you knew
But a phoenix rising from ashes, anew
Perhaps I don't know why I'm this way
Perhaps I'll figure it out, some day

My love, perhaps we'll never understand
Perhaps it's the journey, not the end
Perhaps it doesn't matter anyway
Perhaps I just wanted to savour my life
now...my way.

~ Inspired 6 years later, today...



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