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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.

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“Have you ever felt scared of something?” Asked a friend. ***“Of course,”*** I replied without end. ***“Tell me what brings you fear”*** she said. I looked at her and answered:

Uncertainty.
It's taking hold of my heart, so tight –
like it will never depart.
It whispers lies, short happiness in disguise –
and I fall for it every time it tries.
It feeds doubts into me, that I struggle to see –
bringing me down to my knee.
It brings me pain, as part of the game –
Twists in life that cannot be tamed.

“Life is unpredictable, life can be unkind,” said the friend with a determined stare. As I stared into the sunset, feeling the warm glow on my face, I said:

The pain it brings – can be hard to bear,
Like a weight – that's too heavy for me to share.
But – I'll embrace my fear,
Though I know – the road ahead maybe unclear.

“Friend, I found peace within myself” I whispered beneath my breath. Her gaze locked onto me. I breathed out a long sigh of gratitude – a burst of freedom within my heart.

I'll live my day as I am –
me, myself.
I'll walk my own path of uncertainty –
thorny or flowery.
I'll write my own journey –
For I am just me – imperfect and flawed.

“After all, isn't that what being human means? We fall, we make mistakes, we learn, and we grow. I think, the journey of uncertainty is what makes life worth living. It's flawed but beautiful”.



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