

2018-11-15 - "Life is a Game"

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Hi, My name is Darus Trutna and for this community comment I wanted to take the time to express my appreciation for poetry and share one of my favorites. It's a poem titled "Life is a Game" but I never did find its author. It is from an anonymous source, but the poem hit me deeply years ago and as I've reflected back on it through my life it has shaped how I interact with and experience the world.....I believe and hope for the better

I see this as the beauty of poetry. Not only can it be a doorway into literacy for a lot of kids, especially the struggling and reluctant ones, but also, for all of us, poetry can help us experience a new depth of emotion and unlock new perspectives.

The poem I'm going to share is a reminder of the importance of holding to our values and maintaining our character while we face the inevitable challenges in life. It's a poem about enduring these struggles with strength while pursue our goals personally, professionally, with family, with politics, with whatever you may be working towards. So I hope you enjoy this one as much as I do and it inspires you to courageously face the world each day.

Here is "Life is a Game."

Life is a game with a glorious prize,
If we can only play it right.
It is give and take, build and break,
And often it ends in a fight;
But he surely wins who honestly tries
Regardless of wealth or fame,
He can never despair who plays it fair
How are you playing the game?

Do you wilt and whine, if you fail to win
In the manner you think your due?
Do you sneer at the man in case that he can
And does, do better than you?
Do you take your rebuffs with a knowing grin?
Do you laugh tho' you pull up lame?
Does your faith hold true when the whole world's blue?
How are you playing the game?

Get into the thick of it!
Whatever your cherished goal;
Brace up your will till your pulses thrill,
And you dare - to your very soul!
Do something more than make a noise;
Let your purpose leap into flame
And as you plunge with a cry, "I shall do or die,"
Then you will be playing the game.

This has been Darus Trutna for Community Comment. I hope you have a great game today.