

Honorable Mention

Laws of Life Poem

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As the sun arose this morning in the eastern sky,
I woke up with a new awareness that opened up my eyes.
It seemed to be a dream but my heart felt something more,
For I felt the fondness for life itself that I never had before.

It began with love, the greatest commandment of them all,
For love itself is most valuable in life, as I surely can recall.
Love brings us closer and leads us to much greater deeds,
Good morals and good values is what the world needs.

Live your life in truth and have much honesty,
Strive to be the best by being all that you can be.

Respect yourself and others too,
Delight and persevere in all you do.

To others, be kind and giving,
For you will find the true joy of living.

Be a friend to those in need,
And may your actions plant a seed,
A seed of hope for bright tomorrows,
To take away the pain and sorrow.
Hold those close who, to you, are dear,

Let go of anger and of fear.
Laugh a lot and continue to smile,
Go to God when you face trials.

Be Courageous and be strong,
Attitude means everything your whole life long.

Be faithful and gentle and have compassion,
When you see wrong things, take some action.

Remember to use the Golden Rule,
Cherish what you've learned in school.

Be thankful and show gratitude for every single day,
For happiness comes to us in different sorts of ways.

Live every moment as though it was your last,
Look ahead to your future and not so much the past.

Stand firm on your morals and your values too,
Never judge a person 'til you've stood inside their shoes.

Have a good foundation in what you believe,
Reach for the stars and you will achieve.

Be committed and have dedication, and make your life a celebration. Humble
yourself towards others and before our God above,

By doing all these things, He will pour his mercy, grace, and love.

To prosper and succeed in life, and to avoid unwanted flaws,
Live you life to it's fullest by following these important laws.

As that day came to an end with the sun setting in the west,
I felt as if my values had been put up to the test.

When I finally came to realize what I had learned on that day,

I became a new kind of person and I knew I'd never stray.

And as the moon was setting high, my thoughts were oh, so clear,
For these were now my laws of life that I would hold so dear.