

A Poem in Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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With the power of education and listening,
I get to spread my love to those around me.
I see the joy in the small things.
The power of impulse,
The power of speaking from the heart.
The power of friendship overshines the sun.
It warms the heart and also stings the eyes.

But how do I write a poem about us?
We stand together, shoulder by shoulder,
And we'll get through this together.
Learn, grow, leap, and
Your words will always speak.

Use your voice and stand up for what is right.
Don't be afraid to reach out to the ones you love.
Be yourself and forgive your past.
It is okay to feel how you feel.
You are beautiful.
And being different is what makes you stand out.

Love your peers like your family
And cherish every moment.
Because all of them are wonderfully brief,
And they will ultimately lead you
To where you are supposed to be.
And when you get there,
We hope you look back fondly.

Remember when you pushed through,
fought, and persevered.
Draw love and inspiration
From those who impact your life,
Both past and present.
Don't forget to tell them you love them,
And feel the impact from those around you.

Especially when you struggle,
Don't give up on yourself,
And allow everyone to help you keep standing.
Now lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.