

Dreams Set Sail



Wenzhou-Kean University
November 2022

Student Voices

Dreams set sail– Wenzhou-Kean University
November 2022

Thank you to the students of Class ESL0303-W14
(Speaking)

I enjoyed reading and listening to your poems - I
hope this eBook will help you remember your time at
university

Dr Rob Burton

Poems written by my Chinese University Students as
part of their homework. This is how the poems were
submitted I have only done some basic editing and
have made some minor corrections to the English.

© Rob Burton 2022 © Wenzhou Kean University
2022

All rights reserved. This book or any portion thereof
may not be reproduced or used in any manner
whatsoever without the express written permission of
the publisher except for the use of brief quotations in
a book review. Contact roburton@kean.edu

Dreams Set Sail



Adela
Xinyin Zhang

Dreams set sail

Sit on the train
Walked into the campus
Fountain surges
The supermarket is fully stocked
Dreams set sail from here

Pulling the suitcase
Walked into the dormitory
My roommate was already there to welcome me
A sweep here and a sweep there
An independent life begins

Set the alarm clock
No longer stay in bed
I carry my schoolbag to class
Lost my way at school
Warm-hearted seniors showed me the way

I promise
I have to go through a lot here
I have to stick to my original aspiration
I want to fly my dream here
To meet my better self here

Anthony
Zhang Jinhe

The beginning of 2022

I have big dreams to go far away
I try to become stronger and more successful
My big dreams are buried in piles of papers
I tried to make a bridge to the future one by one
But the anxiety of not getting enough sleep was overwhelming
I still think I made something wrong
But The past life is gone

My new life begins at WKU
I try do something different
My morning starts on the treadmill
I like a healthy diet even though it's hard to swallow
I like to make shots all over the court
Meet one interesting friend after another
At first I was troubled by the all-English environment
but now i found it is a cool things

I have a big future ahead of me
I will study hard and work hard to keep fit
Getting better and better
I hope I can leave WKU with a full harvest

Arthur
Ruoheng Li

Windier day

Fill up the bucket and store them away,
Then wait, wait for a windier day.
Wax the bottles, seal them tight,
For the south wind that soothes, for the north wind that bites

How does this fine wine taste to the tongue?
Sweet dream and Grandma's love
And what are the fruits that went into the brew?
A love tender and true

When can I go back?
Turning sour into sweet, bitter notes fade away
You'll always be there for me.
As I wait, wait for a windier day.

Smell fresh through the barrel
The wind throws it far away
What sound drifts by?
Miss of grandma

I know it's a windier day
Pray tell, what treasure does this barrel hold
Wind will tell you
It's the most precious love to you

Faustine
Zhou Wenxuan

Grandpa

Dear grandpa,
Are you happy in heaven?
Are you always feel comfortable?
Do you miss me?
I want to tell you everything,
Such as flowers, sunny days,
And every day good mood
Of course,
And my experience.
I had finished my most important exam
I still stay in Wenzhou
I never go far,
And you too.
We all live seriously.
Your son is a good dad.
I'm sure it means the same to him.
There will be stars at night,
Which one are you
You told me to live happily
I tell you the same

Howe

Zhu Quhao

The memory of our past life

When I was a child

I still remember you woke me up in the morning

You smile at me softly

“My darling, get up, breakfast is ready”

I get dressed, go downstairs, and brush my teeth

After finishing, you washed the plates

I just stood there and watched

I want to grow up quickly so that I can wash plates

After finishing, you washed my clothes

I just stood there and watched

I want to grow up quickly so that I can wash my clothes

After finishing, you began to water the flowers

I just stood there and watched

I want to grow up quickly so that I can water the flowers

You bathed me every night

You slept with me every night

You comforted me when I cried at night

But now, I grew up as an adult

I clearly knew how troublesome and tiring it is to bring up a baby

Just because you love me.

Iris

Zhang Xinyin

How will university life be?

When I was 6,

I dreamed about which university I needed to choose,

Peking University or Tsinghua University?

Or Harford University?

I don't know how to choose.

When I was 12,

I dreamed I could be free in college,

Hang out with friends every day,

Travel around the world on vacation,

And can buy everything I want without my mom's permission,

When I was 18,

I faced the truth and changed my dream university,

Getting up at 6:00 and sleeping at 23:00,

I was like a study machine,

But I still missed my dream university,

Now, when I came to WKU,

I found everything was different from my imagination,

Without friends, travel, and money,

I always work alone,

But I have learned to get used to loneliness

And started to draw a new page for my future

Joey

Yao Jinting

A song for grandma

The marking on your surface

Your speckled face

Flawed crystals hang from your ears

Oh grandma, grandpa, you know that I love you

I love all those little things that you say and do

A walk through the park

A trip to the zoo

Eating grandma's cookies

They sure taste great

Going to a ball game

Fishing on the lake

Oh, grandma, grandpa, I love you

You are a model couple

I witness a happy marriage going through

Your industrious and simple characteristics will spread to the next generation

Oh, grandma, grandpa I love you

I love all those little things you say and do

A hug and a kiss, a ride home from school

The stories you tell, things I never knew

Oh grandma and grandpa I love you

Katherine
Bao Jiaying

New boy

This time we shake off the warm harbor
Worry, fear, self-distrust
Or may being sucked into an unknown future?
Forget ! Go and forget the old type before
Life is new here
Everything is new here
Get away from sitting in the dorm
Or staring into the mirror
Just getting up and engaging in the world around you
Meet someone new,
Touch something new,
And feel something free with you
Life is colorful here
Hold the life golden rules
Course correct whenever you need to
To find who you really are
What you really enjoy and what you'll say no to
Always be keen to the things you've never tried before
Love all the problems that life brings to you
'Cause it does is a part of our life

Lynn
Xiong Liying

“Begin new life in University”

When I first reached university
Fresh, expect, excited
Everything is attraction
Like a dream
Immerse myself deeply
Facing new air
Missing parents
Missing old friends
Missing the good old days
The past is the past
You can't change it
Standing in the now
Begin the university chapter
Gain new friends
Gain new life style
Gain new personality
It will bring color to your life
Trust me
It will be unforgettable
Start now

Max
Zhao Jialing

A shining star

One star shining in the dark sky
It travels the sky casually
Shining its light heartily
Show its personality confidently
It attracts other little stars to travel the sky together
They met all kinds of challenges in the broad sky
The road was just blurry shapes
The sense of loneliness
The new thing that you never expose
The new place that you haven't been to
But the night has just come
There is still a long way waits for the shining star to explore
Countless treasures are waiting for the shining star to find
In the dark sky
The shining star feels free
The shining star feels cozy
The star enjoys the dark sky
It feels happy and loves the dark sky
But it still misses the warm sunlight
It still misses the bright daytime

Molly
Li Leyi

My Campus Life

My beginning at university
Is with my parents
It is a wonderful beginning
Although I can't bear to part with my parents
I entered into the school
With a curious attitude
The life in WKU
Is truly different and splendid
To complete something
I must do this actively
There is no constraint to let you do
All up to your initiative
And now I am trying to adapt the school
Try to be more positive to do some needed social
I gain a lot from my changes
In the future I will make more efforts to do more attempts
At the same time
I deeply know that the introvert me is good too
I try to make a balance between these two characters in my way
And I believe I can do this in my campus life

Nicola
Zheng Ruyin

I Will Come to Hug You, Grandma

You always have a faint fragrance
I remember clearly
That's because I used to wake up in your arms
And sleep in your arms
Every day

But one morning
The kindergarten teacher took me away from your arm
Crying was useless
The only thing I can do is hope time passes quickly
So I can be in your arms earlier

Then, to study
My parents took me away
Study is good
But it's terrible for me to leave you
and your arms

Now, our distance has been drawn away by the university
It's hard to meet and hug
Please wait for me again
I will come to embrace you, grandma
Don't let your fragrance fade from my memory

Pestel
Ye Zian

Being at university

The season changed overnight.
Step into the passionate summer,
This is my beautiful university.
Bathe in the sunshine, to feel,
The fragrance of the wind,
The whispers of the grass,
And the smiling faces of the schoolmates.
In the dormitory,
We talk about the past and tomorrow.
In the classroom,
We wander in the sea of knowledge.
In the gym,
We enjoy the sweat of our youth.
In the students' association,
We constantly improve ourselves.
Four years is not long,
It will walk by in a moment.
Four years is not long,
I hope we can be better and more confident.
Four years will be a gorgeous rainbow in my life!

Adam
Bowen Li

Young and dumb

I am young but not dumb,
Wishing to be blinded,
But hoping to get on the right way.
Trying to open the window of my soul,
For any spirit to haunt.

We got language so we can communicate,
We have education so I can love and hate.
There are always things to remember,
Lost and gain,
Love and pain,
All that I can't leave behind.

And I try,
I try all the time,
And pray every single day.
Trying to get up that great hill of hope,
For a destination.

I see my light come shining
From the west down to the east.
Any day now,
I shall be released.

Yoki
Yu Xin Wei

The Campus Of Tomorrow

The early sun rises in the morning.
The sun left dappled shadows through the leaves.
I walked on the shady path.
The breeze blew in my face.
I smelt the fragrance of the flowers.

The song of birds woke me up.
I walked into the classroom with the crowd.
Eyesight wandered around me.
The nip left its mark on the book.
My study travel began.

Autumn stained the grass yellow.
The drizzle soaked my hair.
Blood colored the clouds on the horizon.
Leaves danced in the air.
A mist rose from the mountain in the distance.

Osmanthus gave off a familiar fragrance.
I miss the taste of home.
Dark night came down.
The passer-by left their backs.
Autumn froze with the campus in this moment.

Zavien
Zhang Jiaheng

Dear grandpa

Dear grandpa,
I haven't see you,
And I don't have opportunity to see you.
Do you know how much we miss you?
When I got out of school,
Watching classmates being picked up by their grandfathers,
At that time,
I always think of you.
If you are still alive,
You would come and take me home.
Hear from my father,
You love sports.
How I would love to play with you,
Share the joy together.
I joined the soccer team.
Last year we won the second prize,
Did you see it.
You must be proud of me.
I know now you are a star,
Looking at me with a smile.