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Thank you to the students of English Composition 1430 W48

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

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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.

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HAIKUS

Bao, Shu/Betty

Summer To Come

Watching clouds alone
When the spring breeze blowing
through
I know we'll hug soon

Zijun Chen/Yolanda

In the Spring

Flower has opened
Making her prospects brighten
spring breeze to heaven

Huang, Tianqu /Rick

Spring

Spring rain like a wisp
Moisten the tender spring grass
Flutter with spring breeze

Huang Xiyun/Esther

Reviving

Spring brings reviving,
Cherry petals dizzy rain,
Takes away past pain.

Huang Yanqing/Brandy

Vivid Spring

Beautiful flowers,
new leaves on branches are bright
Spring's renewal dance.

Huang, Yuzhou/Richard

Spring

The cold spring rain falls
Sakura suddenly sleeps.
Waiting for wakes.

Hu, Kun/George

Spring

Glacier is melting
The weather is warming up
Grass is growing up

Jiang, Xinhan/Titus

Haiku

Top of the mountain,
Looking for the Goddess's bless,
But ending jump off.

Lin Junhong

Springtime

Cherry blossoms bloom
Nature awakens anew
Springtime has arrived

Wang Yinuo/Nora

Spring

Rain beat the windows
The air began to grow fresh
And spring is coming

Shen, Yanbing/Lily

Spring

A cherry blossom,
Is falling from the small branch,
Flying to summer.

Shen Yiming/Andrew

Spring Comes

Green the trees become.
Grass begin to see the sun.
It means spring has come.

Tang Yisi/Jenny

Spring

Gaily dressed maidens
The sunshine becomes hotter
Bees fly gently by

Wang, Yilin/Justin

Spring

The grass grows quickly
The wind brings warmth to every
Nature comes alive

Xu, Yanzhi/Rachel

Spring

Start of spring arrived,
Under sky heather in bloom,
All comes back to life.

Yu Cunbo/Simon

Rebirth

Orioles flutter,
Butterflies dance with the breeze,
Spring's beauty unfolds.

Zhang Donghuang/Nick

Spring's Performance

Blossoming flowers,
Greenery are all around,
Spring's sweet performance

Zhang, Shibo/ Steven

Dutch Spring

Tulips in full bloom
Sitting on the green grass field
All colors around

Zhenhao Zhao/Avirl

Spring Aesthetic

Put on my spring wear,
Walk in the Lord's blessed fair,
Catch spring is my flair.

Jin, Zhen/Jerry

Spring:

The bird flies out home
Everything comes back to life
The spring is coming

Yuan Kaixin/James

Spring

Warmth sunny weather
Willows flutter in the wind
Spring beckons to us



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POETRY

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Bao, Shu/Betty - Where To Go?

When we were born
Our parents were warm
Then we were told
To be a president or gold
The time for school
Our friends were cool
They said we should be bold
“to be an artist or we’ll be old”
But teachers were strict
Because no one could escape
From the rules they made
And we should obey
To get A’s and grades
When we have grown
Favorite toys are broken
Our hearts are drown when our dreams are falling
The society is cruel
It lashes us to grow
Then how could I know
That where I should go

Zijun Chen/Yolanda - Fork Road

Where I came from?
A planet full of fantasy
Moving with wind
Falling into the land

Born with ignorant
Grew to gain and loss
Stay in a box
The road is set
I live without sorrow and anxiety but study

Suddenly---
The box disappeared
Neon lights flickered in the streets
Sea train roared past
Hope is calling me
Confusion is stopping me

Where am I going?
Whom I want to be?
I made decision
To control my mind
To chase my dream

Huang,Tianqu /Rick - Be Who You Want to Be

I am who I am,
Is not the same fireworks.
My destiny is not determined by birth,
I write my own destiny.
I am the master of my fate.
Be who you want to be,
Don't care what others think,
You are the most special one in the world.
Your future path is paved by your own hands.
You can be imperfect,
If you can't be the pine on the top of the mountain,
Then be a bush at the bottom of the valley.
If you can't be a bush,
Then be a blade of grass.
But to be happy grass,
Let the world be more vibrant because of you.
You only have one life to live,
Then make life satisfying,
Don't wronged yourself,
Just be the best you can be in the only one life.

Huang Xiyun/Esther - Cherished

Among crowds and crowds,
Who, what, or something I am.

Cloud in the purest blue,
Coverage and disperse,
Roaming free.

Wind in the endless road,
Cross ocean and tree.

Star in the buried dark,
Suddenly a day,
Clear as crystal.

Prism in dim light,
Like fading the last sunset,
Meeting new sunrise.

Melody in forgotten key,
Sought with tireless zeal.

Distance on the shoulder,
Drive me with weight,
Know the far horizon call me home.

I am composed of all I love,
Each part a cherished piece thereof.

Huang Yanqing/Brandy – To Be a Brave Girl

Born more brave than other girls,
Mom said you are a girl
You couldn't travel by own,
But I still eager to explore the world.

There are many obstacles on the way,
I still optimistic and never hate,
With every challenge, I grew stronger,
My experiences shaping me into an adventurer.

Of course, I also have moments of depression,
But waiting only result in fear's expansion,
It's time to take action,
With full of inspiration

Who said a girl need wait for her prince to rescue,
With successfully solve the issue,
A brave girl could expand her view,
And add the self-value.

My identity as a brave girl was hard-earned,
A lot of lessons I have learned,
a badge of honor I received,
So, I wore it with pride.

Huang, Yuzhou/Richard - Eight ways of looking at myself

When I look at myself.
I always have different ways to looking.
One way is through the pain.
Get out the pain is hard but I do make it.
One way is through the life.
My life is happy and comfort.
One way is through the style.
Sometimes I'm too outstand in the crowd.
One way is through the action.
My speed to an action is just like fiction.
One way is through the mind.
My determination is hard to denied.
One way is though the morality.
My kind is just like haters jealousy.
One way is though taste.
My taste is high and delicious just like toast.
One way is though conversation.
My conversation can give people satisfaction.
Of course this is all of me.
But you will see a better me.

Hu, Kun/George - Myself

I am a bird
Fly in the sky
Enjoy the soft wind
I am a tree
Planted in the soil
Absorb the solar energy
I am a weed
Thirsty for growing up
I am a bee
Collecting honey diligently
I am a river
Nourish farmland
I am a bud
Wait for blooming
I am a fish
Swim in the ocean
I am a child
Run after his partner
I can be anything
As long as I want

Jiang, Xinhan/Titus - Covered

A clear bottle
Stickers on the outer layer
Leaving some blank spaces
Seeing through
There is back side of stickers
They are not pretty
See the bottle in its entirety
All the stickers and backside of them
But not seeing them in one time
Also, the bottle will only want to show one side
Cause some stickers are not in the bottle's favor
But where all stickers from?
Get one when the bottle gets out from the factory
Copied from other bottles
And sometimes forced to get one from other bottles
More and more stickers are filling the surface
Whether the bottle wants or not
What should the bottle do to counter?
Nothing, a bottle cannot help itself, only feel stickers on its surface
And feel other bottles with stickers they have.

Lin Junhong -Who I am

I often wonder who I am
And what defines me as a person
Is it the way I look or act
Or is it something deeper within?
Is it the things I enjoy
Or the people that I love

Sometimes I feel like I'm lost
In a world that's moving too fast
But then I remember who I am
And that feeling doesn't last
So I'll keep exploring who I am
And what makes me truly unique
Because being myself is a journey
That's always worth the seek.

Wang YINUO/Nora - I Love Everything I Have

I love everything I have,
They make up who I am.

I love my family,
Give me life and a warm home.
Missed calls on mobilephone,
Remind me that I am not alone.

I love those malicious taunts and blows,
Let me understand the cruelty of life.
Make my heart stronger,
Although I want to curse at them.

I love my flaws,
No high nose bridge.
Imperfect figure,
Not enough to cover up my light.

I love sky and sea,
Staring into the starry night.
I rather die into the blue sky,
Seeing the ocean cry.

I love everything I have,
They make up who I am.

Shen, Yanbing/Lily - Looking at myself

1
My name is Lily,
My daddy gave it to me,
He wish me can become beauty,
Like lily blooming the sunny.

2
I have just reach nineteen,
But I am not a teen,
I kept being mean,
Because here comes the time queen.

3
My favorite sport is diving,
Watch fish go arounding,
Memorize in Australia traveling,
Like be in a painting.

4
I love red,
Enthusiastic and encouraged,
When I become sad,
It can burst fire in my heart.

5.
Now I am a student,
Listening to professor tie in gold,
By the door he stood,
Telling us to be a poet.

Shen Yiming/Andrew – Thoughts about Me

There are many people in the world.
Everyone is a unique individuality as well.
I am also an element of all.
Sometimes I feel happy.
Sometimes I feel lonely.
Sometimes I think confidently
Sometimes I think nervously.
But from then I have tried many things.
I once sought to find the answers to the questions.
I once failed to satisfy my internal wishes.
Everyone and everything are changing.
My experience and feelings are transforming.
From the sun rising up to the sun dropping down there.
I am always staying here.
Among different types of people.
I am just one ordinary person.
But there are also a group of ones caring for me.
And there existing some people I taking notice of.
No matter which season it is.
I will always be myself and never miss.

Tang Yisi/Jenny - She

She born like most girls
Grew up with Barbies and bears
Her parents told her it is alright to fear
She received a lot of care
Had various dresses chosen to wear

Sometimes she wishes she was a boy
When she aches in menstrual period
When she treated unfairly by the teacher
When she stands in the lines at the women's bathroom
When she worries about having a child

Until she saw
Thousands of girls stood up
They shouted out
Erupt in a long silence
She felt relieved

We need girls
We need girls to help girls
We need mothers
We need women workers
She is proud of being a woman

Wang, Yilin/Justin – What I really want to be

I want to be a better person
Usually, I feel powerless for myself
I want to change myself but I am still afraid to start the first step
In my mind, I have many strange and unrealistic imaginations
Those thinking always bother me so much

I am worried about my daily life
I also worry about the future
I want to live just for the moment
But it is too hard to only think shortly
I want to work hard for the future, but it is too tough

Sometimes I feel so lonely
Maybe there are so many persons surrounding me
Nobody knows what I really want for life
Always I got lost
Even if the road is in front of me

But when the morning the first sun shines in, I know the hope still exists
I still believe the life is colorful and it makes me happy
I understand the dark must be disappear and the light will come in
In my own life, I am the only one to control my life
Believing hope and hard-working, never give up

Xu, Yanzhi/Rachel - To Be Myself

In a thousand eyes,
There are a thousand Hamlets.
In this vast universe,
Everyone is his own Hamlet.
Just like Shakespeare who created Hamlet,
Everyone is the master who makes himself.
Whatever religion one chooses,
Regardless of one's chosen gender,
No matter how one dresses,
This is everyone's right.
Being myself,
To be the one I want to be.
Wearing short skirt with long hair
Or wearing pants with a baseball cap,
All the best of me.
As the sociologist Xiaotong Fei said,
If goals of self and others can be unified,
The world can be harmonized.
Be the best version of myself.
Empower others to be themselves, too.

Yu Cunbo/Simon – Myself

I am a song echoes through the sky,
A beat that vibrates with the motion of universe,
A melody that expresses joy and peace.
I am the light illuminates the darkness,
The redemptive power for the frustrated,
The bright beacon set for the helpless.
I am a wind wandering around,
An existence that being free from any constraint,
An unlucky wanderer cannot find my island.
I am the most blazing fire,
The activator tempers the sharpest sword,
The exorcist dispels all the evils in the world.
I am an artist keeps alive,
Capturing every piece of beauty in my life.
I am a philosopher pursues the frame,
Seeking keys to the human mysteries all the time.
I am an adventurer not afraid of anything extreme,
Exploring various landscapes then leaving my name.
I am a warrior treats all difficulties as a game,
Fighting for the truth and my fame.

Zhang Donghuang/Nick – My Life

Life is like walking on a winding road,
Through trials and struggles.
We learn to smile through pain and anger,
Choose a better life.

Kindness is a precious gift,
We can all give and be given.
It can give motivation to depressed people,
Help them start growing.

Honesty and integrity is a good thing,
They are all qualities that help us live a better life.
To build a world of love and peace,
Keep our dreams alive.

Though we stumble and fall,
We rise up with renewed hope.
And every time we persevere,
We prove that our power is real.

So let us walk with grace and joy,
Cherish everything we met.
Because ultimately, this is how we live,
It makes our lives complete.

Zhang, Shibo/ Steven – Being Yourself

Sometimes we forget who we truly are,
Hidden behind masks,
We do what others do,
And lose ourselves because of revenue.

But it's important to remember the past,
About who we were before we lost,
Go back to our uniqueness,
And to our desires and our goals.

Don't be afraid to be different,
Set your own path and follow your heart.
Don't let others' opinions lead your way,
You don't need them to agree.

Being self requires courage and will,
To stand up for what we believe is real,
To challenge the difficulties of life,
And to emerge stronger, after every strife.

This is a journey that never ends,
To discover ourselves and be our best,
To learn from our failures and stay awake,
And being yourself would never be too late.

Zhenhao Zhao/Avirl - Born this way

Golden sun, Agora square, crown of laurel,
A guide from the heaven,
It says that,
Hold your arms high to touch the daylight,
Feel free to express your political ideas about Utopia,
You, as a woman,
Can be endowed with boundless wisdom and glory!
You're born to be brave.

Plump apricots, great trees, gurgling water,
Nature whispered softly to me,
It says that,
Nibble on fruits like a barbarian,
Run through the jungle wild and roar without restraint,
Jump into the stream,
Go with the flow.
You're born as a child of nature.

I can guard my Muse like a wolf,
And I can also accept all forms like flowing stream,
I never define myself,
Because I'm born this way.

Jin, Zhen/Jerry - What is the real me?

Writing this poem is like looking in a mirror.
As children in the family,
I'm a positive person in life
As a student in school,
I'm a friendly person.
As an athlete in the gym,
I'm a persistent person.
As a stranger on the street,
I'm a helpful person.
As a tourist at the lake,
I am a person who loves life.
As a team member in a group,
I'm an optimistic person.
As friends at a party,
I'm a free spirit.
As people in society,
I'm a law-abiding person.
A poem to wake up a dreamer,
Know me as I am today.

Yuan Kaixin/James - Know myself clearly

Dear myself
Learn to know who you are
Height and whiteness are the biggest advantages, but
Just a little fat
Sunny, cheerful, love sports
It's synonymous with me
Basketball billiards is inseparable from life
Brave, confident, decisive
It's the way I do things
Restless, not calm, bad temper
It's my weakness
Travel, photography, games
It's part of my life
Silence, social fear, hiding
It's how I behave in front of strangers
Warm, chatty, sharing
It's how I behave in front of people I know
Dear myself
Learn to know who you are
Accept your imperfect self

