

20 INSPOETATIONS
FOR
MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS,
AND GRANDMOTHERS



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Summary: Simple text invites reader to become exposed to rich poetic literary genre while learning important life lessons

Note to Reading Audience

This selection supports literacy development, comprehension, and reading enjoyment, in accordance with national reading standards.

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PREFACE

Reading is indeed, fundamental, and *Writing* to me is an art. Writing has been something I have enjoyed since I was able to pick up a pencil and spell words. In a sense, writing and reading are interconnected, and research supports the fact that the more a person reads, the better the person writes. This principle applied to me, for the more I read, the more I wrote, until I developed my own unique writing style.

I began writing children's literature and *inspoetations* during the 1990s when I was in college at the University of Alabama. An *inspoetation*, a new, authentic term I coined in the late 1990s, which is exclusive to my writing style, is purposefully defined as – *a motivational and inspirational dynamic, rhythmic, rhyming poetry selection that conveys a definitive meaning to the reader, typically associated with reading and learning, education and entrepreneurship, and positive growth and development*. It was not until after I had fulfilled my goal of acquiring my doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Clark Atlanta University that I chose to complete and publish my works. This *inspoetation* compilation is designed to reach at the core of everyday messages that mom, grandmom, and even auntie, choose to relay to their little girl – the little girl who will one day become a woman. I could not relate until I had a daughter, and I admit...I am eternally thankful for her Mom(kudos), Grandmoms, Aunties, teachers, and all positive surrogate female role models.

Enjoy reading this *Inspoetation* compilation which contains messages that resonate with positive female development – from being respectful and having good manners to educating and empowering yourself so that you become the woman you were raised to be. And the bonus *inspoetation*, "[Phenomenal Response](#)", is certain to be a favorite and a classic.

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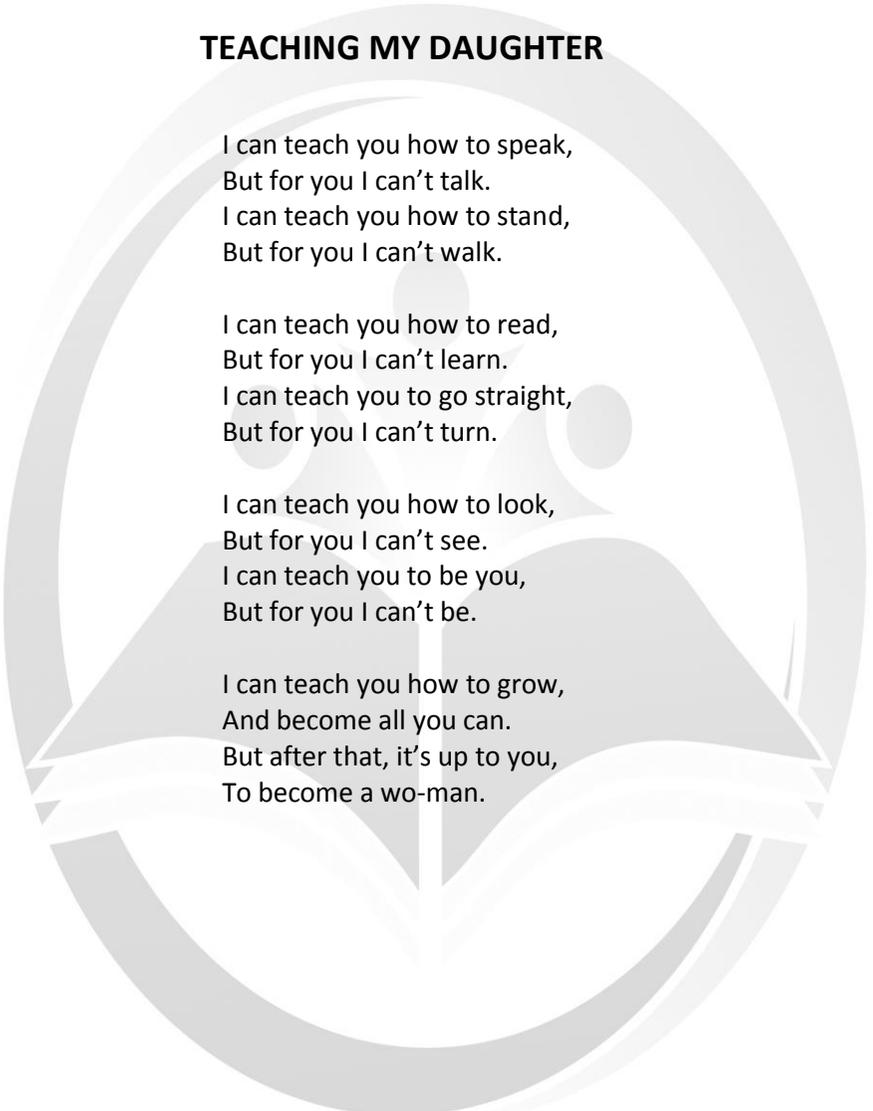
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TEACHING MY DAUGHTER

I can teach you how to speak,
But for you I can't talk.
I can teach you how to stand,
But for you I can't walk.

I can teach you how to read,
But for you I can't learn.
I can teach you to go straight,
But for you I can't turn.

I can teach you how to look,
But for you I can't see.
I can teach you to be you,
But for you I can't be.

I can teach you how to grow,
And become all you can.
But after that, it's up to you,
To become a wo-man.

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MADE ESPECIALLY

I was made especially
To brighten up the world.
Like a flower blooming forth,
I am that kind of girl.

A flower, that's so colorful,
I, too, am just that way.
There is so much that makes up me,
I liven up the day.

My mind is full of bright ideas
That I do cultivate.
I read and learn all that I can;
Such is my human state.

I'm active like a newborn child,
Full of life's energy.
I move about, so full of spunk,
As happy as can be.

I'm made to lead and I am sure
This is my destiny.
I love to read and read to learn,
I do it willingly.

Just like the sun that shows its face,
I smile and greet each day.
I am a girl who reads and leads,
Success will come my way.

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THE “EXTRAORDINARY” STUDENT

Extraordinary was the student – who always did a little more.
Extraordinary was the student – who always got the highest score.
Extraordinary was the student – who always worked until the last.
But, then it was this student, who always, always passed.

Extraordinary was the student –
Who wanted to succeed...
Who dared to try, and try again,
To have and reach that dream.

Extraordinary was the student,
But let me tell you what I heard –
That the difference between “extraordinary” and “ordinary”
Is the “extra” in the word.

So when things don’t go your way –
And life seems unfair to you;
You must strive to work much harder,
And put more “extra” in what you do!

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