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University of the West **ESL Senior Project**

Poems + Presentations

Forward

In the ESL program here at University of the West, our education mission is to transform our students' lives through cultural experience and understanding, and to help our students open and realize their personal potential well beyond the time they have left UWest.

It has been my honor to serve at the helm of the ESL department. I have had my own life transformed through witnessing the hard work and success of our students, as well as receiving the support of our dedicated and outstanding teaching staff.

Oscar Martinez

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Program Coordinator, ESL

Poems for Writing & Grammar Class

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By Xuetao Hu (Austin)

You with your friend in the spring
Dance on the beautiful stage
Even though the rain still comes and a little snow
I will hold you tightly if you need.
We can change anything, I know.

Keep You with Me in My Heart

By Fangwei Lin (Florence)

Do you hear me
There is only love on my mind
The sun still shines one day
There's a smile
There's a truth in your eyes
You look happy to meet me

Do you remember
Everything we ever had
I have been here many times
I've been so lonely
Don't wanna be
A fool in your eyes

Do you hear I'm talking to you
Across the water
Across the deep blue ocean
Under the open sky
I keep you with me in my heart
You'll be my strength
You'll give me hope

Fall in Love

By Sao-Yi Chien (Irene)

I do not know why I become so active.
I guess if you love someone you can do anything.
I want to see you every second.
Even my neighbor can understand what I'm feeling now.
Wind blows our hair.
When I hold your hand, I feel so strong.
I want to take you to my grandma's home.
We watch the sunset until I fall asleep.
I want to hold your hand and never let go.
I hope our love can be pure and happy forever.
I want to ride a bicycle with you.
I want to go to a baseball game with you.
Can I hold your hand and sing in the streets?
I want to hold your hand and never let go.
I hope our love can be pure and happy forever.
You rely on my shoulder and fall asleep there.
I love you, and you love me.

Dandelion's Promise

By Jia Xi Zhuang (Justin)

Dandelions beside the school fence
Lie in the diary giving off a tasty sense
Cicada's song flows into my napping ear
Still remains pleasant year after year
Fold my wishes in paper planes and dream
For we won't wait until meteors gleam
To draw an earnest lot of destiny
Yet wonder at the very last of the journey

Promise we had planted
Growing so clearly as what I hardly distorted
Promise we had granted
Roaming till today is what you simply insisted

Promise grown in my heart
Sincere as we are
Reminiscence from the start
Yet what I can't tell is
Whether friendship
Or through my fingers your love's slip

The Pale Moonlight

By Li Zhang (Lily)

The pale moonlight is shining on the two ends of the world in
my mind.

Somewhere it is so bright in my heart.

Though it is bright, it's cold.

The pale moonlight is shining on those who are homesick.

Everyone has a past grief.

I would like to hide it.

But it can not be hidden.

Friends

By Hu Nie (Niel)

These days we live alone,

The wind and the rain

Have tears, have faults

Remember what we insisted

After having true love, we will understand

We will be back

Eventually, you will have a dream in my heart

Friends live together forever

Those days will no longer come back

Life likes a cup of wine

Life likes a word

Friends will never be alone

I still have to walk with you

Even though there are a lot of painful wounds

Two Worlds

By Yin-Shun Cheng (Vince)

After tonight, I'm unable to detain you anymore.
Sooner or later I must clean the lipstick off my cheek.

We can't mention our agreement to anyone tomorrow.
You gently leave this deep recollection with me.

The sweet words and honeyed phrases will subside sooner or
later.

The multi-sincerities also cannot block the morning dawn
again.

I fell in love with a woman whom I should not have fallen in love
with.

This sadness will continue.
Two of the world's representatives work out their destinies.

Although I have a lot of courage,
I still cannot lay down my self-respect.

The clock is going tick-tock tick-tock as I blindly hug you.
I hope to lock this moment in the night time forever.

Presentations for Reading & Vocabulary Class Cultural Perspectives

Xuetao Hu (Austin)

Fangwei Lin (Florence)

Sao-Yi Chien (Irene)

Jia Xi Zhuang (Justin)

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Presentations for Listening & Speaking Class
My American Experience

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