

Through Life, We Grow

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In our lives, we often deal with situations that are beyond our control.

Feeling alone in a world that does not feel meant for us.

Feeling different, and not fitting the views and perceptions of the majority.

And having to answer questions from children and adults that seem innocent but alienating.

Questions about religion, race, hair, identity, and so on.

Feeling the need to change to avoid those questions, only to face the emptiness and not understanding why.

But why change? Why answer those questions?

Why give in to emptiness and needless chatter when we can speak against it.

We can strive to be more than what people believe us to be.

And bring forth opportunities for anyone who may feel alone.

Because through our experiences we can grow.

We grow as individuals despite the trials we have faced.

And through those trials, we strive to reach destinations that we only dreamed about.

We grow as people despite the view and opinions push upon us.

And in spite of those views, we become leaders, and mentors for those in our community.

We grow as the world seems to move both so quickly and without haste.

And in those motions, walk forward to what the future may hold for us.

We grow in spite of the struggles and hardships that come our way.

And from those struggles, bring help to those who may feel alone in their mind.

So let's grow together, both as educators and people, and strive.

Create opportunities for ourselves and for future learners out there.

Because our narratives deserve to be shared.