

Opening

"Promise me that you'll always remember this:

Be right not good
Or Be wrong not bad

We tend to sacrifice the right choice out of fear that we look bad, or do the wrong thing to look good so promise me

You will honor the difference."

Discussion

What I just quoted is a poem written after having an out loud conversation with myself. My mind is a playground full of abstract ideas and stories that become so overwhelming and full of emotions I can't help but to say them out loud.. I do this because I can then outwardly express the emotions behind the words inside my mind. When I said those lines I felt a potent need to write them down, and entry 44 of my poetry manuscript was complete. This story is true for most of the poems and stories on that google doc and will be true for many that will be collected between now and september. I love my writing style because it diverts from today's topics and purposes. Time and time again when you mention poetry two things come to the mind for most, Rhyming or Politics. There is a tendency to think that in order for a poem to be impactful it needs to be loud and speak of devastating topics. Many young poets believe that poetry requires big words and deep concepts, but my aim is to show that literacy as a whole can be much more than that.

In January of his year I released my first book Cu-ri-ous through Amazon's self publishing program. This collection of 15 poems talks of my intimate experience with my first crush aka my first experience with infatuation. Growing up as a girl you think by high school you should have had at least one boyfriend and if you don't there is something wrong with you. But in actuality many women and men in their 20's and even as far as their 40s, maybe later, have never been in a romantic relationship. What's strange is there are plenty of books for a mature audience on how to deal with these things, but none has comforted girls like myself who are stuck in our heads. So after publishing my book I realized just how much my message was needed because it was so unconventional.

Now months later as I begin to brand myself under my business "Stem From Curious", I realized that through stories and poems that combine entertainment with ideas and concepts that aren't trying to convince you or bring out an immediate reaction, that I can help those who need the space to just breathe. In my work, I aim to bring comfort, but also thought provoking sentences. Instead of telling you what to think, I want to get you thinking. Find yourself asking questions for yourself and applying yourself to something that you may not have seen yourself involved in.

Poems like the one I read at the beginning are meant to make you wonder, what does she mean and how does it apply to me. Stem From Curious collects all these works of my late night musing and places it under one house because they indirectly link with each other. And as I seek to publish more books, they, alongside all who have read my work, will be moved to find a library they call home. Aim to make your business a staple in any household and continue to uphold its message through it all. Thank you.