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*Summertime
Brings Out the
Best in Me*



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Summertime, winter, spring and fall. All these seasons helped me to become a man as a teenage husband. I can remember working most summers early in my life. Many of my friends would make fun of me working in the summer months. Most of my closest buddies would say, ‘What are you working

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towards receiving?’ My answer to them was, “I don’t know.” But, if I saved long enough, I would have saved for a future that would help change my life for the better. In other words, saving for a rainy day never hurt anyone.

I passed this lesson on to all my children. My oldest son Zebelon Woodard became an entrepreneur early in life. Just like me, Zebbie had a loving respect for the professional art of tonsorialist. My oldest daughter Erica always knew what you put into life is what you get out of it. I, as a young father, always passed along words of wisdom, never knowing if my children were really listening. I realized that by writing poetry and reciting it to my children made them think about who they were. Who is the me that I

am? This personal question has to be answered by you, from you, for you.

My daughter Amber was born with maturity at a very early age. She was a great leader for the rest of her brothers and sisters who came after she was born. Their names are Amanuelle, Avery, Alaynia and Arielle. I have to say that my little daughter Amber did a very big job. I have spent most of the summers of my life studying the spirit of my children. Each child was very aware of themselves as individuals. I shared with them many things about the magnificent order of nature. Hence, a tree takes in your waste as its food. Then it breathes out its waste as oxygen which becomes the food of human beings. So, don’t forget to sit under a tree this summer and breathe in the air that gives you life. This proves to me that God works in mysterious ways. These natural things help the summertime bring out the best in me. And they are all of my children.

Zebbie, Erica, Amber, Amanuelle, Avery, Alaynia and Arielle.

Happy summer to you!
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