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Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man many, not on you past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

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### 一位母亲写给世界的信

A Mother's Letter to the World

Dear World,

My son starts school today. It's going to be strange and new to him for a while. And I wish you would sort of treat him gently.

You see, up to now, he's been king of the roost. He's been boss of the back yard. I have always been around to repair his wounds, and to soothe his feelings.

But now-things are going to be different.

This morning, he's going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand and start on his great adventure that will probably include wars and tragedy and sorrow. To live his life in the world he has to live in will require faith and love and courage.

So, World, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know. Teach him—but gently, if you can. Teach him that for every scoundrel, there is a hero; that for every crooked politician there is a dedicated leader; that for every enemy there is a friend. Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on the green hill.

### 亲爱的世界:

我的儿子今天开始上学。在一段时间内,他都会感到既陌生又新鲜。 我希望你能对他温和一些。

你知道,直到现在,他一直都是家里的小皇帝,一直是后院的主人。 我一直在他身边,为他处理伤口,给他感情上的慰藉。

可是现在——一切都将发生变化。

今天早晨,他将走下屋前的台阶,挥挥手,踏上他伟大的冒险征途,途中也许会有战斗、悲剧和伤痛。要在他必须生存的世界中生活,需要信念、爱心和勇气。

所以,世界,我希望你握住他稚嫩的手,教他必须知道的一些事情。 教他——但如果可能的话,温柔一些。教他知道,世界上有一个恶棍, 就有一个英雄;有一个奸诈狡猾的政客,就有一个热爱奉献的领袖;有 一个敌人,就有一个朋友。教他感受书本的魅力。给他时间,去安静地 思索自然界中永恒的神秘:空中的小鸟,阳光下的蜜蜂,青山上的花朵。 Teach him it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone else tells him they are wrong. Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidder, but never to put a price on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob ... and to stand and fight if he thinks he's right. Teach him gently, World, but don't coddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

This is a big order, World, but see what you can do. He's such a nice little fellow.

教他知道,失败比欺骗要光荣得多。教他要坚信自己的思想,哪怕别人都予以否定。教他可把自己的体力和脑力以最高价出售,但绝不要出卖自己的心灵和灵魂。教他对暴徒的嚎叫置若罔闻……并且,在认为自己对的时候,站出来战斗。世界,请以温柔的方式教导他,但不要溺爱他,因为只有烈火才能炼出真钢。

世界,这是个很高的要求,但请你尽力而为。他是一个多么可爱的孩子。

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