

The Real Teacher

the spur of the moment in a lesson learnt from her, through the gates, to the open but yet mystic world. In addition, that was the message in my painting.

Mrs. Morgan, a real teacher in my early education, a real teacher in my upbringing. Through her lessons, **I remember** the simple maps, the maps that tell the directions to our homes, and Mrs. Morgan said, "Those maps must be in your mind, **keep** them safe, lest you get lost. You must always have a way to direct yourself home." Home, **I** was now in the **open** world, away from my early childhood, but the painting I had once **drawn**, was the key to my dreams through the renditions of my childhood memories. Memories well **preserved** defy the passage of time, Manners well learnt in childhood defy the distempered life we sometimes encounter, and skills acquired never wither, because a painting **I drew** under Mrs. Morgan is the embodiment of the skills she taught me and **preserved** through time, to **tell** the history of my early struggles towards the dreams of achievement.

In this painting, I was not alone. **I was talking** to Mrs. Morgan, responding to her request **I make** to **use** of my powerful observation and creative imagination to immortalize an idea, an image I could easily discard. That is Mrs. Morgan, my beloved real teacher, who **expanded** my ability to transform ideas into material artifacts, an embodiment of our lived experience, and a simple way of creating tangible objects from abstract ideas.

Yet, we were not alone. Mrs. Morgan, the painting and I were no longer alone as was the time the painting **came** into creation. The real teacher **motivated** me to put paint onto canvass. The discovery of talent was no longer a private affair, in the room. A classmate, Kimi, The girl **had joined** me, and she **caressed** the painting and **said** to me "It has a powerful voice of self-discovery, of someone catching his visions and actualizing his ambitions. It tells of achievements, after so long a time of