

Now Is The Time We Write That Tale

What story will we tell,
When we ruminate as elders?
Now is the time
We write that tale

Past, present and future
Brought us here
To experience the magic.
Old friends
Greeted with laughter and smiles
Love
And
Open arms
“It’s good to see you”
Connecting continents
Inspiring the globe
Memories like music in the back of the mind

Character
Service
And leadership
Weighty words
In any conversation

Origins came from observation
Change made through
Simple innovation
Reinforcing foundations
Developing ideas
Rooted in
Character,
Service
And leadership.
Open minds
Open ears
Thinking
Listening.

To be of service
Honest and courageous
Creating something
That was once nameless.

To make a life that matters
Humbly, proudly
Building bridges.

How?
There is no
One way
To lead
Do the right thing.

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Character formation
Community creation,
Is not something that finishes.
Life long bonds
Are forged in the mind's eye
Breaking bread,
Feeding body and soul
Long
Deep rooted
And meaningful conversations
Continue for decades
Perhaps
Centuries,
Fundamental and enduring
We return with gratitude
Fresh perspective
Having reflected.

Profound questions
Require
Honest courageous reflection
What do I really love?
What do I represent?
What do I want my life to be about?
What does impact look like?
What is the meaning of virtue?
For what purpose was this house built?
How would I build it?

Partnerships

Synthesise a range of experiences

Creating something new.

More than

Prevailing politics

Tainted influence

This personal education

Based on individual morality

Forms

Community

Family

Embroidered

And improved by its conduct.

Unlikely skills learned

Doing everything

That hasn't been done before

Feeding self

Feeding others

Feeding the world

Feeding mind, body, and soul

Changing

Integrating

Pressure makes...

Something.

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It takes a team

A community

Multi-variant efforts

Shifting from talk to joint action

Collaborating

Innovating

Creating unity

Commonality.

Building bridges
To reach across barriers
Wherever we possibly can
Inviting
Sharing
Communal humanity
Improvising
Celebrating
Labours of love and passion,
Blood sweat and tears
The heart and soul
Of a journey,
Spirals
Of growth and life
Like a garden
An honest space.

Profound questions
Require
Courageous reflection
How can I contribute to building a better world?
How do we
Go deeper?
How do I make this more meaningful?

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All light
Casts a shadow.
Storms and sunshine.
Unplanned dark times.
Sadness, fog and wake.
This voyage requires
Attentive stewardship
Support
Invitation
Robust community.
Beware of this journey's dangers
Many ships lie broken on rocks.

Ask
What if I was wrong?
What could I have done?
Should I carry on?
Tensions will come
Use them for construction.
Success feels easier
Than failing
Than changing
Dig deeper
Challenge your own privilege.
Are you
Uncomfortable enough?
Who
Is not in the circle?

Don't deny or shy away,
Echo chambers are easy to create,
Less easy to escape.
But never despair
You are not powerless
Your words matter
Your choices matter
Your story
Matters

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Allow vulnerability
Critical reflection
Stillness and silence.
Pause and get confused.

Ask
Who am I in the room?
Can I see
Where should I disrupt?
How should it disrupt me?

How?
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Way
To lead
To do the right thing
It takes a team.

Renew hope.
Resilience.
The work of community
Are problems shared
Tender but tended to.
Starting to feel like family
Justice,
Equality,
Home,
Health
The answers are universal.
Guided by an inner compass
We carry our experiences.
Feel those feelings.
Pause,
Connect,
Step forward.
Contribute,
Reflect,
Listen,
Share.
With levity and gravity

Memories of this journey
Remain long.

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