

20 INSPIRATIONS FOR MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, AND GRANDMOTHERS



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PREFACE

Reading is indeed, fundamental, and *Writing* to me is an art. Writing has been something I have enjoyed since I was able to pick up a pencil and spell words. In a sense, writing and reading are interconnected, and research supports the fact that the more a person reads, the better the person writes. This principle applied to me, for the more I read, the more I wrote, until I developed my own unique writing style.

I began writing children's literature and *inspoetations* during the 1990s when I was in college at the University of Alabama. An *inspoetation*, a new, authentic term I coined in the late 1990s, which is exclusive to my writing style, is purposefully defined as – *a motivational and inspirational dynamic, rhythmic, rhyming poetry selection that conveys a definitive meaning to the reader, typically associated with reading and learning, education and entrepreneurship, and positive growth and development*. It was not until after I had fulfilled my goal of acquiring my doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Clark Atlanta University that I chose to complete and publish my works. This *inspoetation* compilation is designed to reach at the core of everyday messages that mom, grandma, and even auntie, choose to relay to their little girl – the little girl who will one day become a woman. I could not relate until I had a daughter, and I admit...I am eternally thankful for her Mom(kudos), Grandmoms, Aunties, teachers, and all positive surrogate female role models.

Enjoy reading this *Inspoetation* compilation which contains messages that resonate with positive female development – from being respectful and having good manners to educating and empowering yourself so that you become the woman you were raised to be. And the bonus *inspoetation*, “*Phenomenal Response*”, is certain to be a favorite and a classic.

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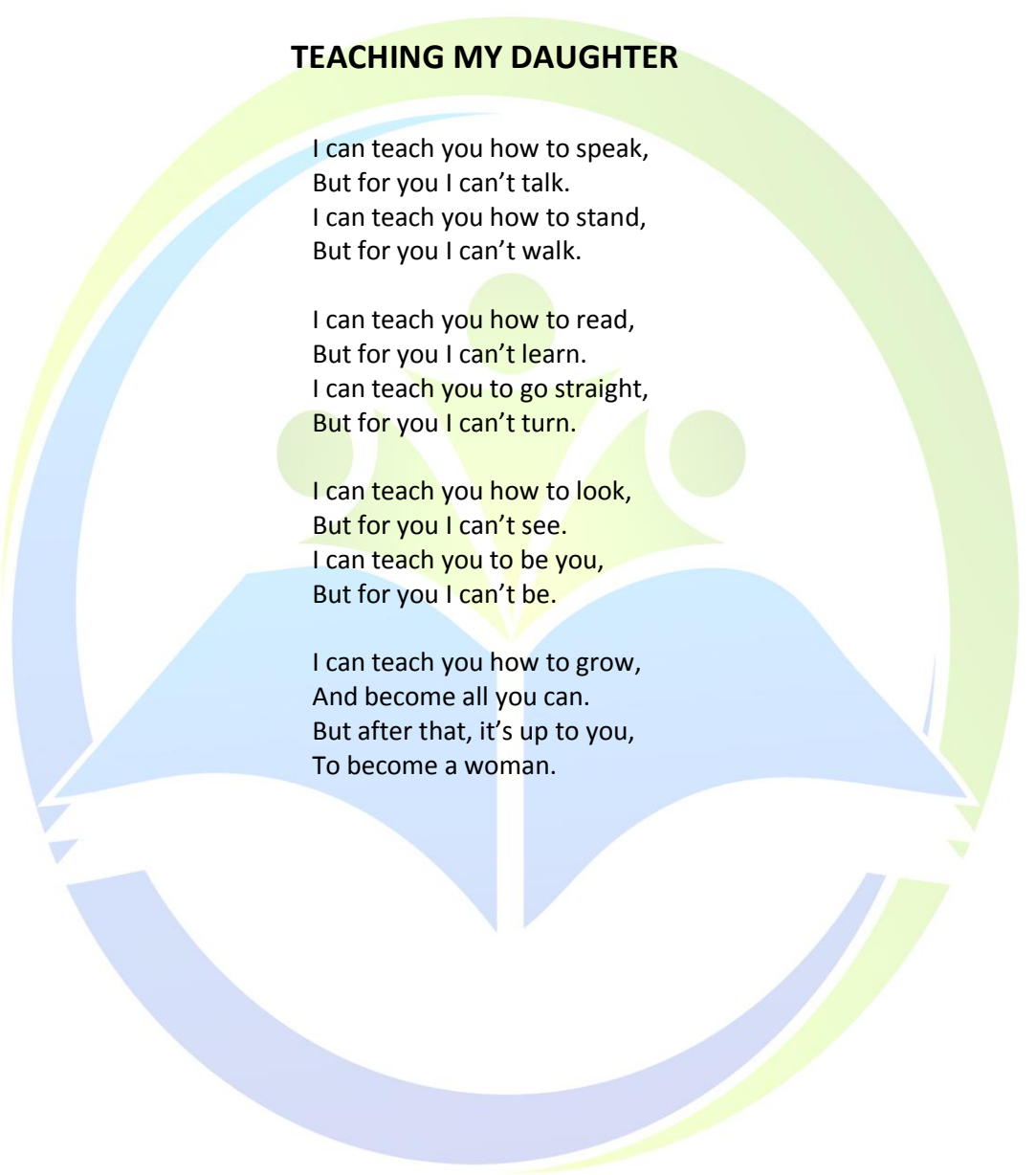
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TEACHING MY DAUGHTER

I can teach you how to speak,
But for you I can't talk.
I can teach you how to stand,
But for you I can't walk.

I can teach you how to read,
But for you I can't learn.
I can teach you to go straight,
But for you I can't turn.

I can teach you how to look,
But for you I can't see.
I can teach you to be you,
But for you I can't be.

I can teach you how to grow,
And become all you can.
But after that, it's up to you,
To become a woman.

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