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MY NEW YEAR'S WISH 2024

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Here we are at the brink of a brand new year, yet again, I would say. I always consider New Year as an unopened gift. And, I have always been in complete love with the new beginnings. There's a magic to it.

Having lived four decades, I am aware, the next 365 days are a compilation of 365 NOW's. What we do now, every day consistently will define us at the end of it. I wouldn't say I have goals or targets in place. Goals and targets look like milestones to be achieved. And I am a flow person. I just flow with the flow, thus, I have visions.

I envision a beautiful world full of love and peace. I envision a beautiful me, along with my loving family, together playing a miniscule role in the world to fill it with love and peace. I envision personifying inclusion and diversity, love and kindness at the global stage. This New Year, I evoke greatness within me and everything around. With these thoughts, I surrender my visions to the universe and let life unfold magically.

May the road rise above to meet us,

May the wind be always at our back,

May the sun shine warm above our faces,

And rain falls soft upon our fields,

And until we meet next year,

May God hold us, in the hollow of her hand.

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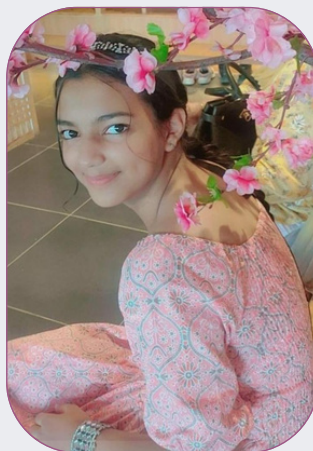
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A CLOCK FOR ALL CHRISTMAS

By Arlene Nayak | 10 years, USA

There once lived an elf named Elara. Unlike the elves in Santa's workshop, Elara was a clockmaker, crafting intricate timepieces, each one capturing a special Christmas memory. However, this year Elara felt an unusual sadness. Orders were dwindling, and the Christmas magic seemed to have dimmed. One chilly afternoon, as she tinkered with a grandfather clock, a gust of wind swept through her workshop, carrying a lost robin with a broken wing. Elara, being ever kind, gently nursed the bird back to health. In gratitude, the robin sang a melody Elara had never heard before, a song of forgotten Christmases, filled with twinkling lights and forgotten laughter.

Inspired, Elara began crafting a new clock. This one wouldn't tell time, but stories. As she worked, the workshop brimmed with the joys of Christmases past. Finally, the clock was complete. Its face shimmered like a diamond, reflecting scenes of children ice-skating, families feasting by crackling fires, and caroling under starry skies. On Christmas Eve, Elara nervously presented her creation to Santa. He held the clock, mesmerized by the swirling stories within. "This, Elara," he boomed, his voice thick with emotion, "is the very essence of Christmas! It reminds us that time is not just minutes and hours, but moments to cherish."

Santa placed the clock in the heart of his workshop, where it chimed and glowed, filling the air with the magic of Christmases past, present, and future. From that day on, Elara's workshop became a beacon of Christmas spirit.

Her clocks, infused with the robin's song and a timeless story's magic, found their way to homes around the world, reminding everyone that Christmas wasn't just about presents, but about the moments that made hearts sing and the love that warmed freezing winter nights. And so, Elara rekindled the magic of Christmas.

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ONGOING CONTEST

Put out your hopes and dreams for the New Year by telling us about your New Year's Wish.

Criteria:

Age: 10 - 15 years (Both Inclusive)

Theme: My New Year's Wish

Word Limit (Exclusive of Heading): 250 - 300 words

Contest duration: 1st - 20th January, 2024

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