

RIZAL: HEART AND HERITAGE by: Jeannoel Dayne Miguel

To Jose Rizal, a man of heart and soul,
Your story made us whole,
A true son of this land, with Chinese roots and a Filipino heart,
Your journey on earth, art.

A mother's embrace warmed you from the start,
Meeting your Chinese heritage and Filipino counterpart,
You began to unfold in a cradle of love,
Becoming someone brave like a lion, but with the grace of a dove.

Your dreams were so big it reached the skies,
Reaching into the future with visionary eyes.
The words you penned and shared on paper,
Called for truth, freedom, and fairness behavior.

In moments of doubt and when times got hard,
You always carried life's torch in the dark.
For you, Jose Rizal, we still say,
Your humanity and passion guide our way.

In laughter and tears that you let out,
To your fears and hopes without a doubt.
With flesh and bone you roamed this earth alone
Dreams in hand to give everyone their own.

So we say to you with devotion and love
You are more than a hero or symbol above.
Courage, love, grace all reside in your name
A man who left an indelible trace.