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" Countless Letters Countless Words"

by Shiron Lai (Hongkong)

This poem describes the narrator who really misses her lover. The first and second stanza describes the feelings of the narrator. She really misses her lover. Only the letters from her lover accompany her all the time. In the third and fourth stanza, the narrator want to express her longing to him. She always dreams about him every night. The fifth and sixth stanza describe that narrator that remains faithfully waiting for her lover. Despite the distance separating them, he is sure they would not separate. She will wait patiently to meet him again.

The rhyme scheme of each stanza in this poem is different. The second stanza has same rhyme scheme as the fourth and sixth stanza *abb*. For example, the sound at the end of *lullaby* in the second verse has same rhyme as the sound at the end of *baby* in the third verse. Different from the first, third and fifth stanza that have the rhyme scheme *abc, aba,* and *abcad.* For example, the sound at the end of each verse in the first stanza does not same. Like the sound at the end of *words, quietly* and *away*.

The narrator shows extraordinary patience. She patiently waits him and does not despair. She believes that one day her lover will return to her. In sixth stanza " *I'm still waiting* ". "*Waiting for you to return* ". " *When will I see you again ?*.

The atmosphere in this poem is sad. The fourth and sixth stanza describe the narrator's feelings. She really misses her lover. The longing that he feels make her unhappy. She hopes she could meet him soon to release her sadness all this time.

This poem has a very deep meaning. The value of patience that narrator shows is extraordinary. She patiently waits for news from her lover. Despite the distance separating her from her lover, she remains patient and does not despair.