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"I have no power to change you or explain your ways...

I have no power to change your nature my books are of no use to you and my convictions do not convince you nor does my fatherly council do you any good you are the queen of anarchy, of madness, of belonging to no one Stay that way You are the tree of femininity that grows in the dark needs no sun or water you the sea princess who has loved all men and loved no one... Stay that way."

( N. Qabbani, I Have No Power)

My stay in the Ateneo has been a mixed bag of successes and failures. There were times I could hold my head up high, and there were times where I wouldn't even want to leave my dorm and just spend all day in bed.

I will miss the days when the only reason to stay up late was due to a manageable assignment. Life after Ateneo will be hard but these experiences helped me gain the strength to go forward and face the problems and try new things. I am confident that I will thrive outside Ateneo.