

# A Poem of Possibilities—A Letter to Myself

We've done a series of prewriting questions to get you to think about who, where, and what you'll be in five years.

Just to remind you, the questions were:

- Where do you see yourself in five years? Name and describe a specific place.
- What are you doing with your life in five years? How do you see yourself spending your 9–5 time?
- What is the biggest physical change in you from your high school self? In other words, at your high school reunion, what will people notice first about you?
- What is your general attitude toward life? Are you happy? depressed? confused? dissatisfied?
- What do you miss most about your high school self and/or your high school life?

## **PART I:** Writing Assignment

Using the material generated from these questions and class discussion, write a poem about yourself—the person you are and the life you lead in FIVE YEARS.

Be sure your poem is very specific in terms of where you are, what you do, what you look like, what you feel, etc. Try to show how this future self compares and contrasts with the self you are today. Also, remember the following:

- You may choose any poetic style you like that you feel best reflects the ideas you want to write about.
- You must write about yourself in the third person. Refer to yourself by name and by the pronoun he or she.

## **PART II:** Publishing Assignment

Prepare two copies of your poem, one which I will grade (and which you can share with the class if you choose to do so) and the other which will be sealed in an envelope and mailed to you five years from now. To do this, you need to:

- get two stamps or the money for two stamps.
- think of two possible addresses where the letter may reach you in five years.
- (optional) collect anything else you'd like to include in your letter to yourself (i.e. pictures, notes, etc.).