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LETS CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TOGETHER

Diversity means to accept differences for what they are. This is a concept that encompasses acceptance and respect. It is the celebration of people who originate with different genders, religions, ethical backgrounds, age, status, political views, ect. It is the understanding that each individual is unique. Diversity surrounds complex differences and similarities in perspectives, identities, and points of view among members of an institution as well as among individuals who make up the wider community. Furthermore, it is the recognition that everyone is different in a variety or visible and nonvisible ways. I myself see diversity to be a beautiful thing. It can be used to see things in new light and solve many problems. For instance, diversity of thought would help us evolve and overcome series of worldly conflicts. I would like to call diversity one of these conflicts itself. I feel that it is better to be strong when united then weak when divided. I'm tired of waiting for the world to unite and become strong, beautiful, and kind. Now is the time for everyone to come off of their own separate ship and get on the same boat as everyone else.

Even though society can find diversity hard to live with, perhaps it's one of the most dangerous things for a society to live without. Living in a world without diversity would be like seeing without color. We need diversity to gradually alter idea's of current generations. Growing up and developing life as it is consists of change, that change is the difference. I feel like without diversity we would all be lost. Even though there are a lot of people in this world that don't accept diversity, we need it to survive and thrive. Additionally, if we can't end differences, we should make the world safe for diversity.

The problem is that not everyone accepts diversity. When prejudice, racism, discrimination, and a lack of respect creep into an environment it is called judgment. Sadly, some individuals harbor unfair prejudices against people of different diversities. Harassment can also sometimes be an issue in in many of these instances. A lot of people are undiverse and have trouble recognizing other people's individual

differences and or preferences. For instance, you might walk down your block one day and realize that not everyone sees the world the same as you.

In closing, life is like one long walk down the block. Don't hold judgment upon someone just because they are not the same as you. Rise above and embrace change within others. Furthermore, don't bring others down because they have chosen their own sepa- rate paths in life. Diversity is a beautiful thing that should be used to bring us all closer to strengthen all of humanity, not to seperate us for each other. Adding on , If you are a victim of discrimination stand up for yourself, and just know that you are not alone. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.