

Poem

## A Legacy of Endowing

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Empowering, defining a legacy  
Developing people  
Nurturing, grooming  
Growing the seeds of talent  
Burgeoning, harvesting  
The fullness of potential  
Soldiering ever on  
With utmost fortitude.

Championing the underdog  
The unknown in our midst  
That firm hand measured  
With doses of equity  
And compassion;  
Sometimes, ignoring  
The greater wisdom,  
Holding fast to your beliefs  
Keeping faith, enabling,  
Opening the portals  
For that chance at life.

Then sham the ephemerals  
The glory and the laurels  
All glowing paeans  
Discard what adorns  
The monuments  
The footprints so evident,  
But hold close  
Gently to the bosom  
The knowledge that  
It is the people  
You have endowed, developed  
That steadfast legacy  
For transmission through  
The genomics of time.

**For Ser Kiat,  
With best wishes and much happiness**

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