

Poem By: Lilah Katz

One Bird Still Calls

Within a sea of silenced songbirds,
One bird still calls.
It has been hushed many times before,
But no one can sink this bird's spirit.
Birds flutter inside your soul,
For they are dreams.

Some dreams you follow,
Because they will not stop calling.
But if you silence them,
You cannot follow them anymore.
They sink to the bottom of your heart
Until you have pushed them down so far that they are gone.
Only a strong dreamer can keep their birds calling,
Even after so many people have hushed them.
Dr. King chased his bird,
And his legacy is still honored today.
Follow your dreams.
Do not let anyone silence them.
They are special and unique,
Like snowflakes in a storm.
Who knows what will become of your dreams?
There's only one way to find out.
Follow the song of your heart.

Honoring the Legacy: Celebrate, Serve, and Remember

When I hear "legacy" I think of a message left behind, an inspiration, and an example to follow. This is how MLK, Jr. inspired people with his legacy that lives on. He was an equalist that fought against segregation because he believed that all people are created equal and should only be judged by their character and not by the color of their skin. He believed in peace and fought with words and not fists even when he was beaten and jailed, showing that no matter the consequences, standing up for justice and equality is the right thing to do.

America celebrates him every year but I celebrate him daily by following his examples of peace and courage, hard work, helping, and serving others. I may not be MLK, Jr. but I believe that one man can make a difference, character counts, and I can dare to dream and be different.

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The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a visionary, a trailblazer, and a servant for justice. His legacy is embedded in our American history as a remarkable orator that reached the hearts, souls and minds of many and changed lives forever. I often think about what the state of our country would be if Dr. King had never spoke of discrimination and inequality. Would the same possibilities exist for my grandparents and parents had he never countered the ideas of racists and wished for a better society? Would the lack of his presence impact on my life today in 2013? Had Dr. King never rang the liberty bell for justice and freedom it is safe to assume that the lives of all Americas would not same. I'm fortunate that I will never have to know how my life would be if his dream was deferred. I'm fortunate that his legacy is preserved for a lifetime because he sacrificed his life so that our lives can have purpose. His life will forever be celebrated and his memory praised for what he did to change the world.