

Failures

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I can pull you down
I can slap you in the face,
I can scar your pride
I'm anywhere in the place.

In every goal you make,
There is a great risk to take.
You'll have to meet me,
But I can't be seen.

You can only feel my wrath
Slashing through your skin.
Destroying your world of perfection
And leaving you with great humiliation.

Many people fear me
Because I'm cruel and mean.
They avoid me
Like I'm some kind of a sin.
So,
They'd rather stay in their comfort zones,
Missing great opportunities life can give.
So,
They rather keep their mouth shut
And not stand for what they truly believe.

I maybe mean and nasty
I may pull you down to hell
But,
You'll never avoid me
Because I'm a big help.

I intimidate you to do your best
I let you fall so you can stand up again.
I slap your face so you can open your eyes,
I scar your pride so you can open your mind.

I pull you from the sky,
So you can fly much higher.
I destroy your pride,
So you can do better.

After leaving you
It's up to you, to put your best foot forward
Or forever be a coward.

After leaving you
It's up to you
To walk away laughing
Or walk away with your dreams fading.

Remember,
Life is unfair
Times doesn't wait
And dreams are never sure.

But,

FAILURE IS ALWAYS HERE TO HELP!

Note: Clarissa wrote this poem during the 1st PRISAAP Speechfest (Regional Level) on-the-spot Poem Writing contest sponsored by the Private Secondary School Administrators Association of the Philippines held at Punta Villa, Iloilo City on 8 February 2007. The poem was adjudged First Place. Clarissa will represent Region 6 to the PRISAAP National level on-the-spot Poem Writing contest this year.