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### Different Like the Seasons

Summer, fall, winter, spring, each season is different from the other. Each season brings its own wonders. Each contains a lovely sight to be seen. Summer, the season of life and growth, fall is known for shedding its colors all over, winter brings snowflakes in its wake, and spring brings a spiral of wind and sun. Each of these seasons is different, each person is different, more different than alike.

Every living, breathing, waking thing is different, no person is the same from the other. That is why differences should be accepted like the changing of seasons, like the changing of lives, like the changing of love. Every person experiences change in their life, it may not be something they like but they accept it. Acceptance is like a baby bird finally leaving the nest, a feeling of weight off your chest, a feeling of relief for some and for some happiness. Differences create a feeling of creativity and a mindset of possibilities.

But sometimes those who do not accept those differences create a blockade between them and the people who do accept them. Some believe differences can be dangerous, some believe they are as beautiful as a blooming flower awakening to the many possibilities of this world. As said in the well known novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* "The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience." Everyone's judgment blinds them from seeing the real thing up close. A conscience may as well be the angel and devil sitting on your shoulder.

A person is seen by how they show themselves but not only that but how they are viewed. Some are to be blindsided to see the truth. Their own view of a person's differences blinds them from seeing the truth behind those differences. Many base differences off of how they see a person. These days the moral of the story is that people blindly judge those who stand out in society, those who look different, love different, think different.

But these days not many are as willing to openly love those differences as those who shun them away as if they were plagued with bad luck. Many decide it is easier to block those differences out instead of facing up to them. Being different isn't something bad, it's a fascinating thing to be seen. In my mind being different is a gift and accepting being different is something very beautiful. So many keep their differences bottled up as if they could just be hidden, but differences should be things that people are proud of, things that people confidently have.

Instead differences lead to insecurities, sadness, fear. Although standing out may be scary for some, for some it creates a sense of confidence, it creates character. So many things in this world are different: the sun from the moon, night from day, dark from light, sadness from happiness, hope from despair, life from death. Each one of these things can bring the world together and apart. The world is ours to design how we want.

Sometimes it's controlled by those who believe differently. Not all stand up for what they want or believe in. That's the key to the locked door, believing. If everyone believed that everyone was the same and respected everyone's differences then society would be a different place. It wouldn't be filled with prejudice, rumors, and choosing sides.

Everyone would be on the same side. In every story there is a lesson to be learned, it could be small or big. But in the story of the world the lesson to learn is that differences are different, it's a world known thing. But nowadays differences are what make us, us. Differences are what keep us going. From entertainment, to making friends, to living our life. Everything is different in its own way.

Seasons change, love changes, life changes, people change. All of these changes create the world. Nice or not they are accepted one way or another. As believed by so many people like Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, and so many more believed that differences should be normal. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks wanted equality between color, Thomas Jefferson wanted independence, and Abraham Lincoln wanted slaves to have justice for who they were not what they looked like.

Each one of these people made a claim towards what they wanted. They changed the world in their own way for their own reasons but for the better. As said throughout history so many times by so many, differences are not what harms but prejudice. Differences, nothing but the way some look, act, feel, love, change everything in their wake for better or worse. Now I believe that differences should be seen as nothing more than a normal thing, but my opinion isn't one of much consideration as is yours but if many understand the value differences have to this world then maybe one day differences can be seen as a normal thing for all.

A world wind of possibility is what differences bring and till the very end being different will be fought for by some, maybe not all but some. Being able to be treated the same as everyone else feels nice. If the Goshen community were to be more open about this topic then maybe people would widen their mindset and listen to the change that should happen.

#### Brief Self Biography:

I don't exactly have any passions but when it comes to writing the words just start to flow. My writing has a lot to do with how I feel about the topic so I could say I'm passionate about writing.