My Thoughts Through Time

A Keepsake for

Marcus

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"The Same Questions. A Lifetime of Answers."

In Marcus's Own Words

1. Where do you feel most at peace?
   On an early morning run along the river trail.

2. What brings you joy these days?
   Late-night talks with my roommates and calling home on Sundays.

3. How do you love to spend your time?
   Studying nursing, volunteering at the food bank, and playing pickup basketball.

4. What word describes this chapter of your life?
   Becoming.

5. Who means the most to you right now?
   My parents, my little sister Ava, and my roommates.

6. What dream still lives inside you?
   To be a nurse at a children's hospital.

7. What are you most proud of?
   Being the first in my family to go to college.

Marcus is becoming the man he was meant to be, the first in his family to reach for a college degree, with a heart already set on caring for children. With his family's love behind him and his dream ahead, his story is only beginning.

Marcus Is Becoming

When morning mist is rising, Marcus starts his run,
Along the river trail beneath the early sun.
With every steady footstep, his thoughts begin to clear,
The river and the morning hold the peace he holds most dear.

His joy is found in late nights with his roommates near,
Long talks and easy laughter as the midnight hours appear.
And every Sunday evening, he calls home to say hello,
To hear the voices of the ones who helped him grow.

He fills his days with nursing books and notes to learn,
And volunteers at the food bank, giving in return.
Then out onto the court for a pickup game or two,
There's always something Marcus is ready to do.

He calls this chapter "Becoming," and that word fits him well,
Each class, each shift, each lesson has a story it can tell.
He's finding who he's meant to be with every passing day,
And growing into someone who will light another's way.

His parents and his sister Ava love him from back home,
His roommates are the family he found out on his own.
With Mom's warm chili waiting every time that he comes back,
He knows that love is something he will never lack.

He's the first in his family to walk a college hall,
And every step he takes, he takes for one and all.
Someday in a children's hospital, he'll care for those in need,
A nurse with gentle hands and a heart that's kind indeed.

My Life in Pictures

The people, places, and moments I love

Place a photo here

Place a photo here

Place a photo here

A Favorite Memory

One picture from this chapter of my life

Place a photo here

Who is in this picture?

What do I want to remember?

A Few Things About Me

In Marcus's own hand

Where I'm from

A class or teacher who changed me

Something I've learned on my own

Something that always makes me smile

A Letter Home

Dear _____,

With love, _____

Where I’m Headed

Looking ahead, in my own words

Where I hope to be in five years

What I want to remember about these years

Advice for the next first-year student

The Same Questions, Years From Now

Answer again someday, and see how your story has grown

Date: _____

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Messages From the People I Love

Family and friends, leave a note or a signature

From: _____

From: _____

From: _____

From: _____

From: _____

From: _____

A keepsake for who I am today,
and for the road ahead.

Made with love, for now and for later.

Gifted by: _____

Date: _____

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