

# Change by Chanel

Overtime, the way children play has changed constantly. From doing nothing, to skipping rocks, to playing hopscotch to going to parks to video games. But one thing that has been a constant occurrence in history is poetry. Poetry is light and fun, but can also be dark with deep meanings. Poetry can express feelings in a way like nothing else.

Poetry does not get enough credit for the power it holds. Poetry dates back thousands of years and is still staying strong now in the twenty first century.

Please enjoy my poem. -Chanel

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I walk through the door, and there she is.  
My Grandmother, getting some snacks from the fridge.

I take a few steps, she notices me.  
And I watch as her face swells up with glee.

She looks at me and asks: "How was your day?"  
So much going on, and so much to say.

I say, "It was good," which is kind of true.  
What do you say when your Grandma asks you?

"At lunch they didn't let me go on my phone!  
But the older kids could, like Katherine and Joan."

She gave a small chuckle; she doesn't care!  
I just want my phone! ~~It's~~ It's so unfair.

"Now, now Chanel! Don't be absurd!" she says.

"Though I can't relate, I'll try my best."

"When I was a kid, I didn't watch the tv.  
I played hopscotch with my friends and family.

Me and my sister played make-pretend.  
We would do that for hours on end.

Every week we would play skipping ropes.  
We'd jump with our hearts full of high hopes.

I know that your phone gives you much fun.  
But when I was a kid, I didn't have one."

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"I know it seems boring, but back in my day we each made up our own games to play.

Running, Jumping, Together we were playing. And there weren't new words like 'so slaying'!

I wasn't quite sure what to say or do. I never realised that for her, this is new.

Talking, sitting, listening to my Grandma. Remembering that things are so different, by far.

"What do you think is most different from then and from now I could tell she was still figuring out how.

"Although I don't see it as a curse, I see things getting better and worse.

Everything that I see has changed, but at the same time, it's all still the same.

"What do you think it'll be like in the future?" I say.

"How do you think those kids will play?"

"Well Chanel, I honestly don't know. But as for hopscotch, I don't think so!"

"So will they come up with games that are new? Because they'll have their own things to do?"

"Well for now we can only guess, It is up to them to figure out the rest."

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"Wow! It's crazy that it's changed so much!  
From hopscotch, to parks and other games as such."

"Yes you're right, I was shocked too.  
And of course this is all true."

"Thanks Grandma for talking with me.  
You've really changed the way that I see."

"I'm happy to talk with you anytime,  
and share all the memories of mine."

Time will always have a large range,  
but we need to remember that things can change.