

A WISH FOR THE GRADUATE

I cannot help but smile
as I remember a shy five-year-old,
lunch box in hand, waiting for the bus
on the first day of school.
And now, here we are.
You, beaming in your cap and gown,
poised on the brink of adulthood.
Me, basking in your happiness.
Commencement is a true milestone,
not an ending, but the beginning
of a new phase in your life.
To say "I'm proud of you" seems inadequate,
but know that I am proud.
I only hope you will someday recognize
the significance of all you've accomplished.
My wish for you is a future
filled with love, hope, and success.
The knowledge you've gained
is the key that will open the door
to many bright tomorrows.

AMY MALLET

PHILOSOPHY

Be a seeker of visions—
And a hunter of dreams.
Be alert and excited
And proud of your life.
Dance with all music
And sing with all songs.
Be awestruck with wonder
And inspired by nature.
Shun what is wrong;
Show wisdom and class.
Honor each promise;
Love friend and foe.
Laugh with the happy
And cry with the sad
Live for tomorrow-
But save yesterday.
Run with the wind
And savor the moment.

JOAN STEPHEN