**Make the Ordinary Come Alive**

## Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.

by William Martin

An excerpt of a speech

When I'm born, I'm black  
When I grow up, I'm black  
When I go in Sun, I'm black  
When I'm scared, I'm black  
When I'm sick, I'm black  
And when I die, I'm still black  
And you white fellow  
When you're born, you're pink  
When you grow up, you're white  
When you go in the sun, you're red  
When you're cold, you're blue  
When you're scared, you're yellow  
When you're sick, you're green  
And when you die, you're gray  
And you call me colored?

By Malcolm X.

**Fire and Ice**  
  
Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.   
  
By Robert Frost

**This is Just to Say**   
  
I have eaten   
the plums   
that were in   
the icebox   
  
and which   
you were probably   
saving   
for breakfast   
  
Forgive me   
they were delicious   
so sweet   
and so cold

By William Carlos Williams