

Class Poem - Sophia Vasolides '22

It's about time to flip the page
Moving from chapter 3 to chapter 4
You've memorized everything up until this point
The words, the story, the characters
The two notes after "forevermore you'll be"
And at this point, I'm sure you could hand-draw your QR code with no reference.

You've traced the pages and have gone through the motions,
you've been told over and over that it will come time to turn to 4
And so you should prepare.

Well, now's that time.
Are you prepared?

I won't make you answer that.
Instead, I'll leave you with a few tips I've picked up from my "friends on the other side."

Tip number 1:

what you know will guide you through what you don't
There's a manual hidden in the lines of chapter 3
go find it

Number 2:

Friends are hard, that won't change.
the same characters that were with you since chapter 2
may not be written in the pages of chapter 4
and that's okay

Number 3:

If you recall,
You learned of a "rule" early on.
something of 24 karat and the 5th item in the days of Christmas song
not 5, not rings.
this "rule" will be just as helpful as it was in chapter 1

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as it will now be in 4.

so don't lose it.

Finally, tip number 4:

Once you turn the page

you'll realize

PLOT TWIST

the entire

rest

of your book

is blank.

don't think your future is written for you.

if you think so, then words will magically appear

and you'll never get the chance to change them.

So I urge you to leave your options open

your mind open

your possibilities

your visions of your future

I urge you to leave your pages blank

Pick a pretty pen to write with

a PEN not a pencil.

Erasers don't work here.

and fill these pages only with things that have happened

not "will happen."

So go on

Flip that page when you're ready

No rush.

But, when you do, remember to

Remember all of us

All of this.

Each classroom

Each hall

“DABHEF”

the moment the clock hits 3:20 PM

To write your teachers thank you cards

And the colors blue and white.

Again,

No rush.