

## Stories

At corporate campfires  
And watering holes,  
The people gather.  
Their hearts are stirred  
By the leaders,  
The keepers of the scrolls,  
Whose words  
Speak the curriculum  
Of what occurred.

The leaders through language  
Interpret and present:  
Through parables and scenarios  
Values are infused;  
And in a lighter forum  
They package events  
So people are instructed,  
Encouraged and amused.

At family gatherings  
Enrichment of the soul  
Occurs when the elders,  
The keepers of the scrolls,  
Assemble the generations  
And dispense discipline  
Through stories sprinkled  
With wisdom and wit,  
In moderation.

The elders portray  
Passion and progress,  
Pride and principles  
And honor in the family name.  
They tell tales of obstacles  
And human failings,  
Of being human,  
And being sensible,  
For invincibility  
Is not a trait we can claim.

The stories form a bond  
That is not bondage.  
They chronicle ambition,  
Growth and attrition  
And forge connections

Of substance and relevance,  
That add alignment  
And purpose to our lives  
And gives us the strength  
To continue the expedition.

At work and in families,  
The keepers of the scrolls,  
Through stories give us context  
And texture.

For within these tales,  
We identify with the roles  
And through this revelation  
We take our places  
And become storytellers,  
And add our voices  
To the conversations.

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