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# *Dedication*

To mother Mahamaya,  
my dear teachers, my beloved parents and my family,  
who are my strength and inspiration....

**This is for you...**

# Foreword

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the *Mahamaya* as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past *Yatiwara* writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, **Karadana Atthadassi Thero**.

The *Pirivena* student monks have also taken up book writing "**The Herana Gatkarani**" project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and *Pirivena* education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,

Principal, Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy.

**It was a beautiful sunny day.**

**Mary's class was practicing for the concert.**

**Mary was in the ballet group but, she couldn't follow the steps.**

**She was so sad...**



**Good night Mary, said, Mommy.**

**Mary was tired at the end of the day.  
She fell fast asleep.**



At the midnight a sparkling cute fairy came into Mary's room.



The fairy whispered "Mary, Mary, wake up".

Mary woke up with a surprise.



I saw you were worrying about your dancing steps.

I came to give you a little gift.



**“Why are you being so kind to me?”  
Mary questioned.**

**“Because you always be kind and help  
others”. Fairy replied.**



**I will cast a dancing spell on your tutu and ballet shoes.**



**Mary woke up early in the morning and told mommy about the magical night.**



**Mary wore her magical shoes and the tutu.**

**"Wow" it was absolutely magical. Mary was the dancing queen on the stage.**



**Everybody appraised Mary and she was delighted.**

The fairy came into Mary's room at the concert night and whispered "If you do good to others, the good will come in return in unexpected ways"

Mary and fairy became best friends forever and they had many sweet secrets to share every day.



# The End

# Afterword

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the *Pirivena* student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of *Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya*.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,

Senevirathne Maha Lekam

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