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# **Tribute to Dear Madam Principal**

## **Mrs. Shashikala Senadheera**

**With deep gratitude and profound respect, I dedicate this  
tribute to Dear Madam Principal**

**Mrs. Shashikala Senadheera, a guiding light whose  
unwavering dedication and wisdom have left an indelible  
mark on countless lives. Her leadership, kindness, and  
commitment to excellence have inspired generations, shaping  
minds and nurturing dreams.**

**It is with immense appreciation that I acknowledge her  
influence, which has played a vital role in my journey. Her  
encouragement and belief in the potential of her students  
continue to resonate, instilling values that extend far beyond  
the walls of the institution she so gracefully leads.**

**Thank you, Dear Madam Principal Mrs. Senadheera, for your  
tireless efforts, your boundless compassion, and your  
unwavering dedication to education. This book stands as a  
humble token of the inspiration you have imparted.**



### Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic- the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world- to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College

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## 01.Nature

The mountains rise with silent pride,  
While crystal rivers gently glide.  
The morning sun begins to shine,  
A masterpiece of grand design.

The whispering breeze through forests sings,  
Awakening birds with joyful wings.  
Each leaf that dances in the light,  
Makes every morning warm and bright.

The flowers bloom in colors rare,  
Spreading fragrance through the air.  
Their gentle beauty softly shows,  
The love that only nature knows.

The mighty oceans kiss the shore,  
Their endless waves forever roar.  
They teach us strength through every tide,  
With endless wonders deep inside.

The silver moon and stars above,  
Fill every heart with peace and love.  
Their quiet glow through dark skies,  
Remember that hope will always rise.

The forests shelter life each day,  
Where countless creatures laugh and play.  
Each living soul has its own place,  
Within Earth's warm and kind embrace.

So let us treasure earth and sky,  
The soaring eagle flying high.  
For nature's beauty, wild and free,  
Is life's most precious melody.



## **02.Environment**

Our Earth is calling, soft yet clear,  
Protect the world we hold so dear.  
The air, the soil, the seas so blue,  
Depend on me and depend on you.

Plant a tree with hopeful hands,  
Bring fresh life across the lands.  
Each tiny seed begins to grow,  
A gift for generations to know.

Keep the rivers fresh and clean,  
Protect each forest, field, and green.  
Every action, great or small,  
Can help to save our precious home for all.

Reduce the waste we throw away,  
Choose wiser paths each passing day.  
The Earth rewards the hearts that care,  
With cleaner skies and fresher air.

The birds, the bees, the butterflies,  
Depending beneath the same blue skies.  
If we protect their fragile home,  
Their joyful songs will always roam.

Together we can make a change,  
Across each city, hill, and range.  
United hands can surely heal,  
The wounds our planet sadly feels.

Let future children proudly say,  
"They saved the Earth for us today."  
A greener world begins with me,  
And grows through love and unity.

# SAVE EARTH SAVE LIFE

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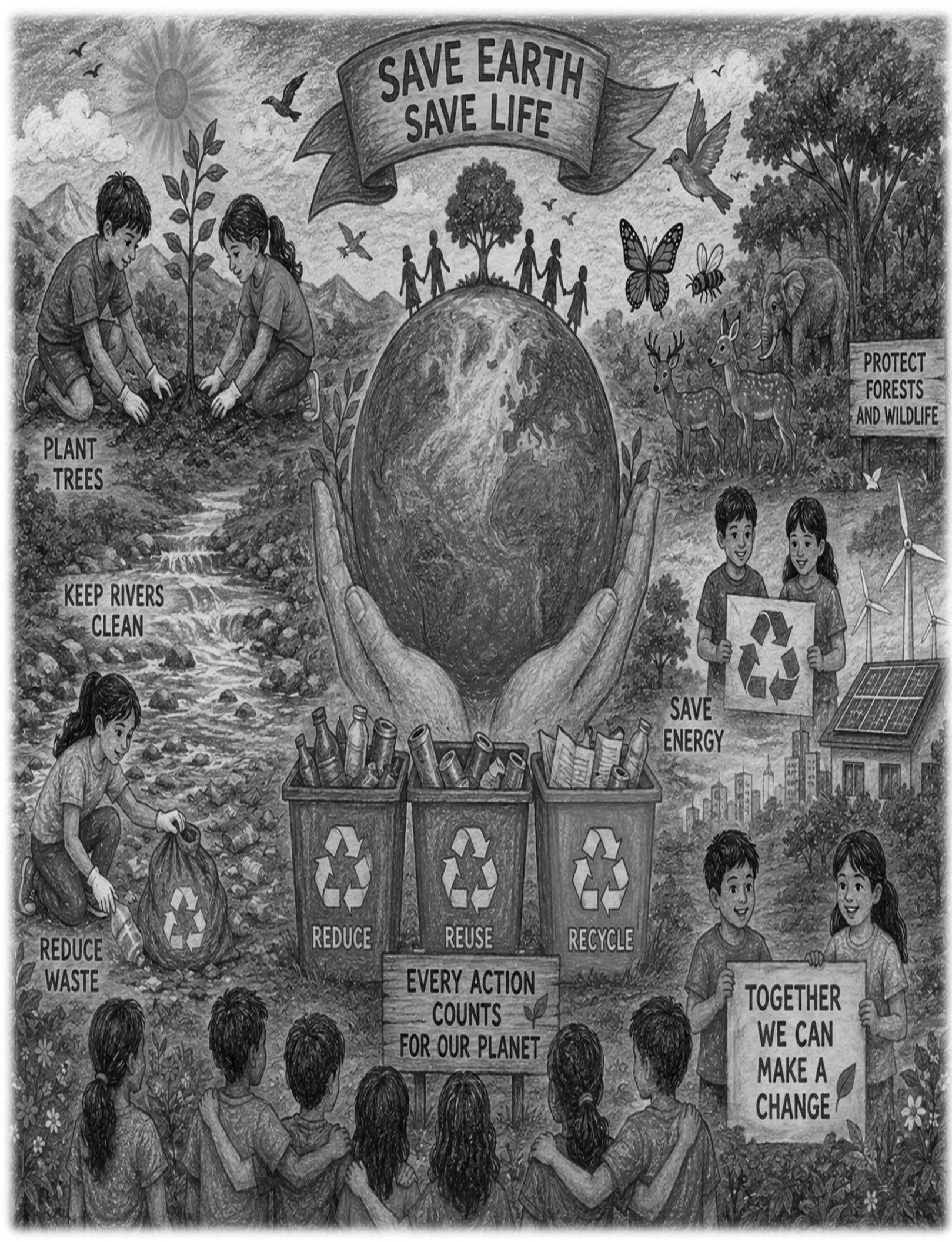
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## **03.Peace**

Peace begins within the heart,  
A gentle choice, a work of art.  
It grows through kindness, truth, and care,  
Bringing hope everywhere.

No sword is stronger than a smile,  
That bridges every distant mile.  
A single word of love can mend,  
And turn a stranger to a friend.

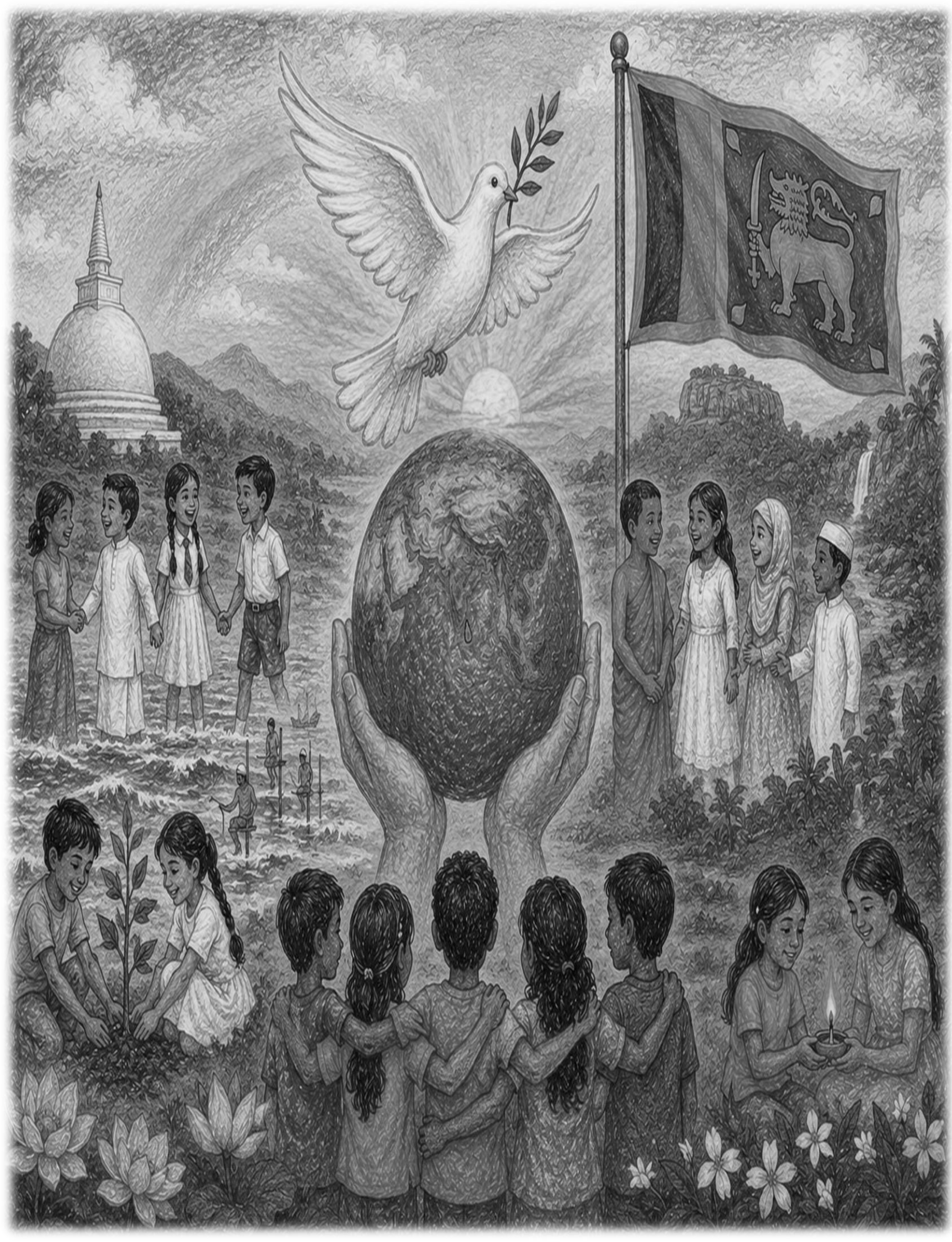
When nations stand with open hands,  
Hope blossoms brightly through the lands.  
Different voices, one shared dream,  
Together stronger than they seem.

The dove that flies across the sky,  
Reminds us hatred cannot fly.  
Forgiveness builds a brighter day,  
Where fear and anger fade away.

Children laughing side by side,  
With hope and dreams as their guide.  
No walls divide, no hearts apart,  
Only love in every heart.

Peace is built through every deed,  
Helping every soul in need.  
Compassion lights the darkest night,  
Guiding all toward what is right.

Let peace become our greatest song,  
Where every heart can still belong.  
Together we will always prove,  
The strongest force on Earth is love.



## **04. Dreams**

Dreams are stars that softly glow,  
Guiding where our hearts should go.  
Though the road is steep and long,  
Hope will keep our spirits strong.

Every mountain starts below,  
With tiny steps that help us grow.  
Each challenge faced with courage bright,  
Turns darkness into shining light.

Do not fear the winds that blow,  
They help the strongest dreamers grow.  
Rain may fall and clouds may stay,  
Yet dawn will always find its way.

Dreams are painted in the mind,  
By hearts that dare and souls that climb.  
With faith and patience hand in hand,  
We shape tomorrow's promised land.

The eagle soars through open skies,  
It never fears how high it flies.  
Its fearless wings inspire us all,  
To rise again after every fall.

Believe in all that you can be,  
Like rivers flowing to the sea.  
No dream is far for those who try,  
With steady hearts that never sigh.

Hold your dreams with all you might,  
Let hope become your guiding light.  
For every dream that starts today,  
Can change the world in its own way.



## **05.Education**

Education lights the way,  
Turning darkness into day.  
Every lesson, every page,  
Build wisdom for a brighter age.

Books become our trusted friends,  
Whose guidance never truly ends.  
Within their pages treasures hide,  
With endless knowledge as our guide.

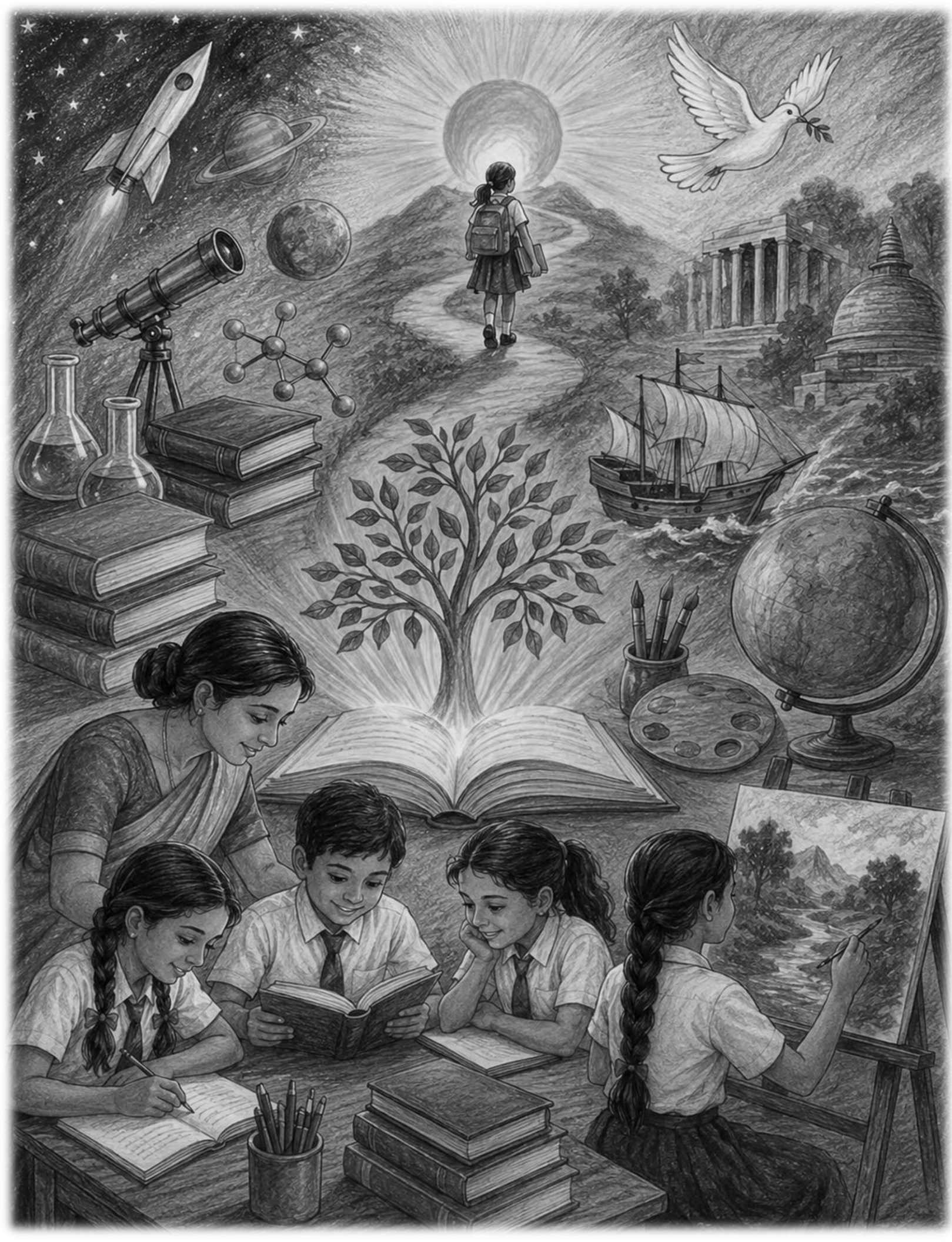
Teachers plant the seeds of grace,  
Helping every child embrace  
The strength to learn, the will to grow,  
And share the truths they come to know.

Learning shapes both heart and mind,  
Teaching us to love mankind.  
Knowledge grows when freely shared,  
By those who truly think and care.

Science reaches the stars,  
History teaches who we are.  
Mathematics builds our way,  
Language brightens every day.

Every classroom holds a key,  
Unlocking endless possibility.  
Each question asked, each answer found,  
Makes wisdom's voice forever sound.

Education is life's greatest treasure,  
Giving hope beyond all measure.  
Its shining light will always stay,  
To guide our hearts along the way.



## **06.Friendship**

Friendship blooms like flowers fair,  
Growing gently through our care.  
It fills our lives with joyful song,  
Giving strength to carry on.

A faithful friend will always stay,  
Through stormy nights and sunny days.  
Their gentle words and smiling face,  
Bring comfort, hope, and endless grace.

Together laughter fills the air,  
Creating moments rich and rare.  
Each memory becomes a light,  
That warms our hearts both day and night.

Friendship asks for honesty,  
Built on trust and loyalty.  
Every promise, every smile,  
Makes life's journey more worthwhile.

Different voices, different ways,  
Yet friendship brightens all our days.  
It knows no color, race, or land,  
Only hearts that understand.

When one friend falls, another stands,  
Offering hope with helping hands.  
Together every burden seems,  
Lighter than it truly means.

May friendship shine forever brightly,  
Like stars that glow throughout the night.  
Its greatest gift will always be,  
A bond that lasts eternally.

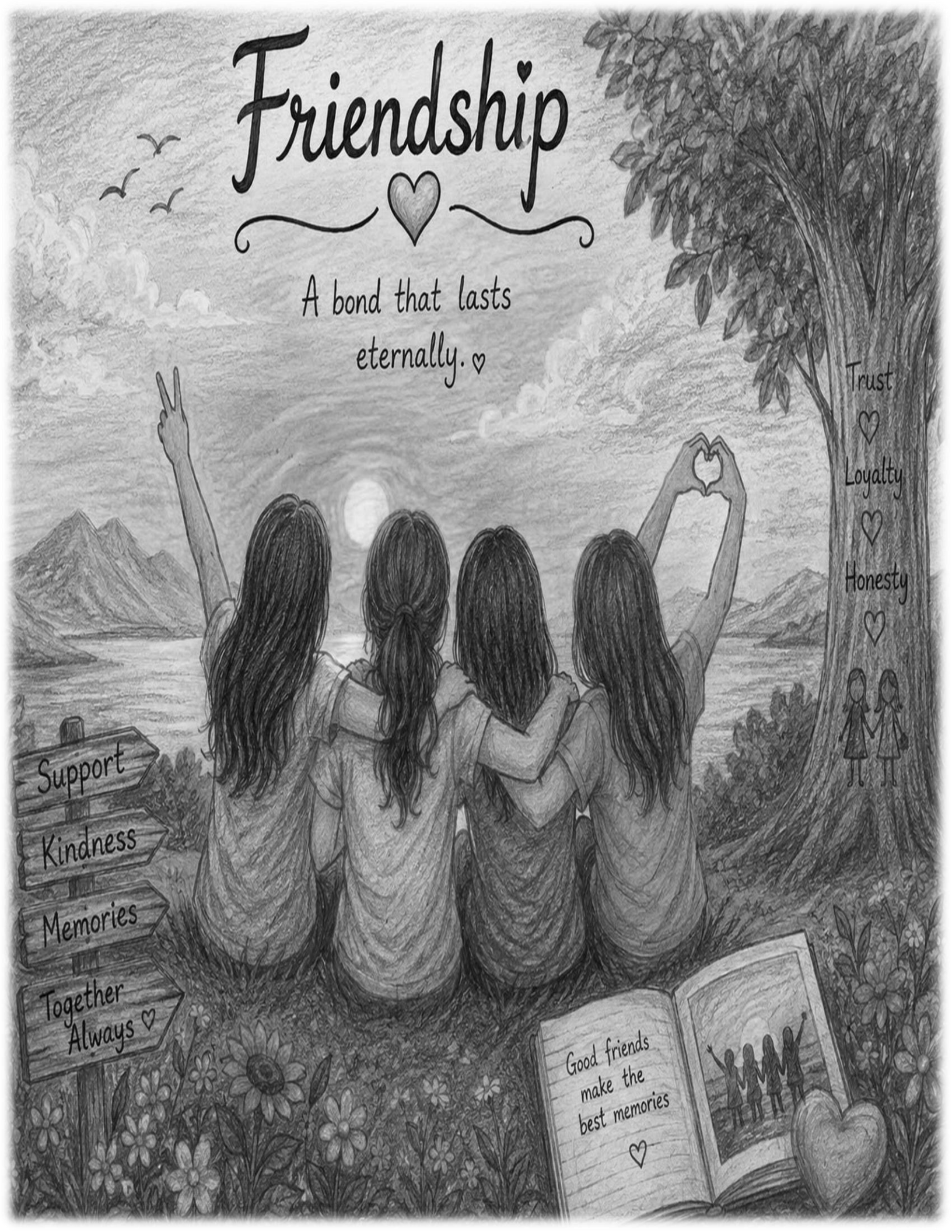
# Friendship

A bond that lasts  
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Trust  
♡  
Loyalty  
♡  
Honesty  
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Support  
Kindness  
Memories  
Together  
Always ♡

Good friends  
make the  
best memories  
♡



## **07.Kindness**

Kindness is a gentle flame,  
Burning bright without a name.  
It asks for nothing in return,  
Yet makes a thousand hearts still yearn.

A simple smile, a helping hand,  
Can change life across the land.  
The smallest act, though hardly seen,  
Can make the darkest moments green.

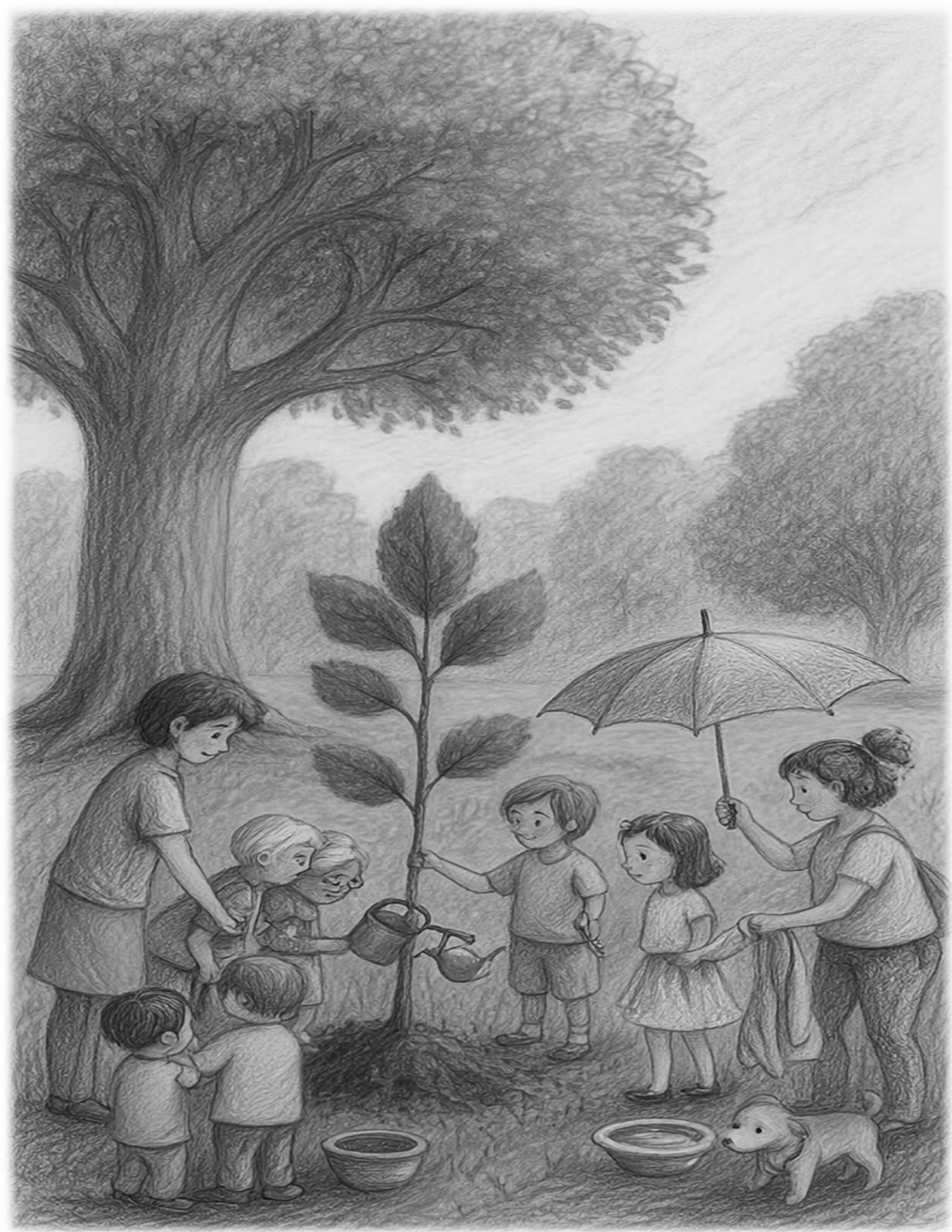
Kind words bloom like flowers fair,  
Filling every heart with care.  
They heal the wounds we cannot see,  
And set a weary spirit free.

The world grows brighter every day,  
When kindness leads us on our way.  
It builds a bridge where hate once stood,  
Replacing fear with lasting good.

Give your time to those in need,  
For love is shown through every deed.  
A caring heart is rich indeed,  
The greatest gift the world can need.

Like sunshine after falling rain,  
Kindness eases silent pain.  
Its gentle light will never fade,  
For every loving choice we've made.

So let your heart be warm and true,  
Spread kindness in all that you do.  
One caring soul can brightly start  
A chain of hope from heart to heart.



## **08. Freedom**

Freedom sings with every breeze,  
Across the hills and through the trees.  
It lifts our dreams on fearless wings,  
And fills our hearts with joyful things.

Freedom is the right to stand,  
Together hand in loving hand.  
To speak with truth and walk with pride,  
With hope forever by our side.

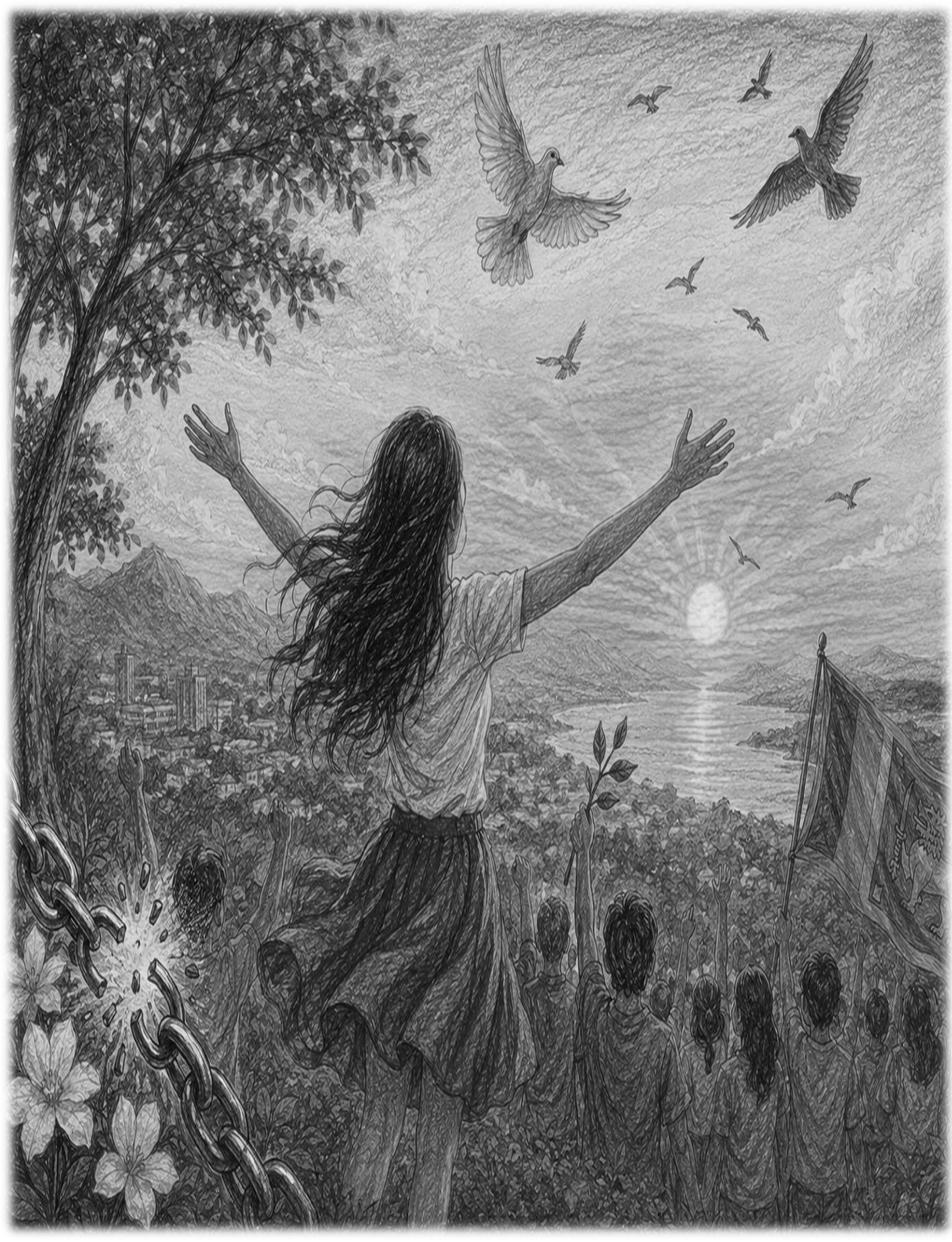
It is not found in power alone,  
But in respect that all have known.  
When justice lives in every land,  
Freedom grows both strong and grand.

Like birds that soar across the sky,  
Our dreams are born to rise and fly.  
No chain can hold a hopeful mind,  
Or stop a heart that's brave and kind.

Freedom brings responsibility too,  
To choose what's right in all we do.  
To guard the peace we proudly share,  
With honesty and faithful care.

Many heroes gave them all,  
To answer freedom's noble call.  
Their courage lights our path today,  
And guides our footsteps on the way.

May freedom live in every heart,  
A priceless gift, a work of art.  
With unity our voices blend,  
To keep its shining light, unbend.



## 09.Wildlife

Deep within the green forest,  
Lives in a world both wild and serene.  
Every creature, great and small,  
Has a precious place for all.

The mighty elephant walks with pride,  
The leopard moves where shadows hide.  
The peacock spreads its colors bright,  
A dazzling wonder in the light.

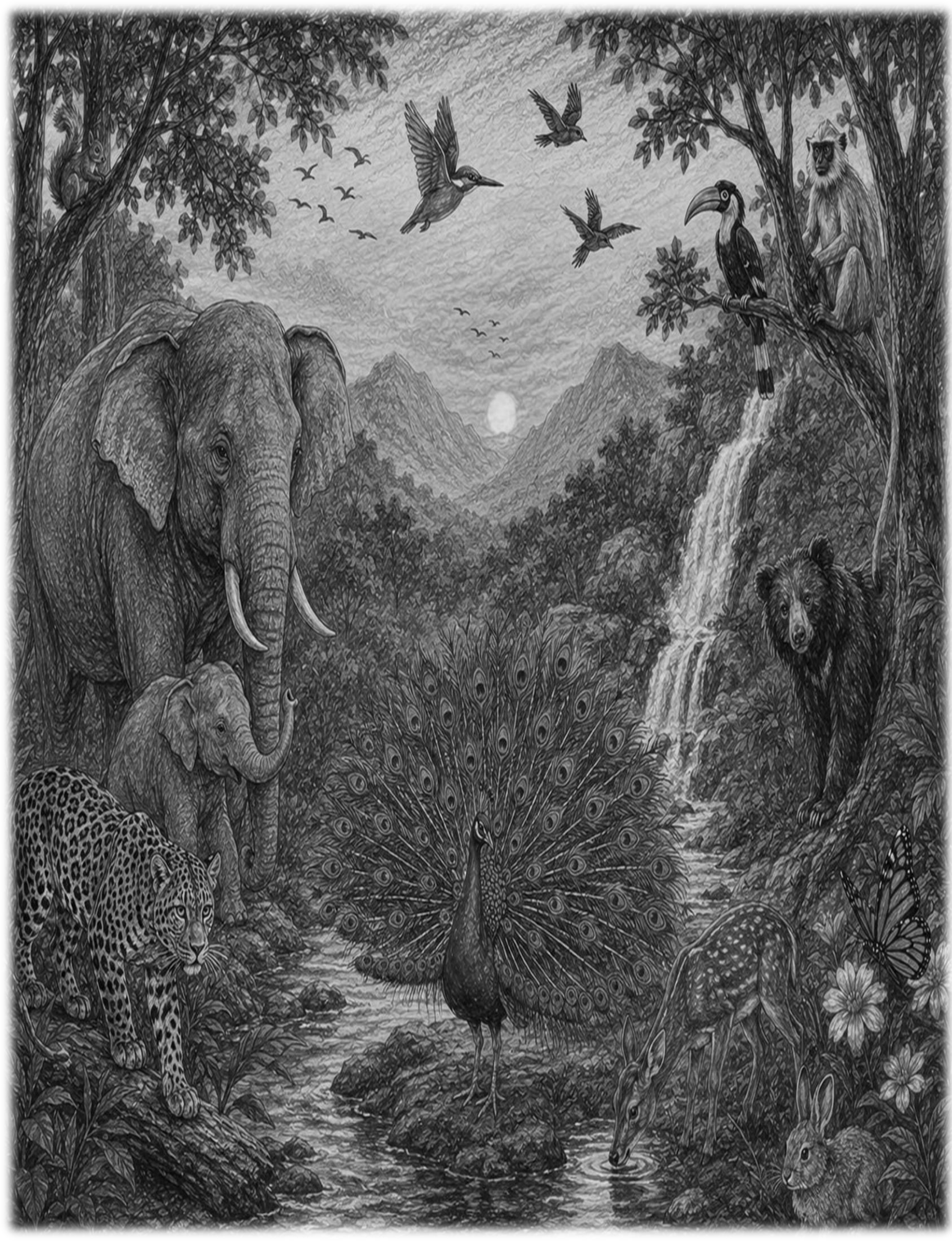
Birds awaken every dawn,  
Singing till the night is gone.  
Their cheerful songs fill every tree,  
A joyful forest symphony.

The rivers, forests, mountains high,  
Shelter life beneath the sky.  
Nature's home must always be,  
Protected for eternity.

When forests fall and rivers fade,  
Many homes are sadly swayed.  
Let us guard each living place,  
With loving hearts and gentle grace.

Every animal has a role,  
Helping keep our planet whole.  
Together they create the chain,  
That keeps the Earth alive again.

Let wildlife live both safe and free,  
Across the land and every sea.  
For when we care for every life,  
We build a world that's free from strife.



## 10.Family

A family is a place of love,  
A priceless gift from God above.  
Through every joy and every tear,  
Their caring hearts are always near.

A mother's touch, so warm and kind,  
Leaves endless love within the mind.  
A father's strength, so brave and true,  
Gives hope in everything we do.

Sisters, brothers, hand in hand,  
Together strong, together stand.  
Through every laugh and every fight,  
Love shines with everlasting light.

A family teaches what is right,  
To choose the good, to seek the light.  
With honest words and gentle care,  
They help us grow through love they share.

When storms of life begin to rise,  
A family never says goodbye.  
They lift us when we feel afraid,  
With comforting words and help they gave.

The memories we build each day,  
Will never fade or drift away.  
They live within our hearts forever,  
A bond that nothing else can sever.

So let us cherish every day,  
And treasure those who light our way.  
For family is life's greatest treasure,  
A love beyond all time and measure.



## Afterword

With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge, Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

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