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In Speech Excel, In Life Be Well

Asked the student of the teacher,
How do I in speech excel?
For though I possess knowledge greater,
Scared am I of audience hell.

Looked the teacher at the student,
His eyes did smile, his heart did hear;
For the teacher loved the movement
Of the spoken word so dear.

Spake the teacher of erudition,
Most of what you need you have,
For the art of great rendition
Is more to do with mental salve.

If change you want the world to be,
Look with new eyes, that's the start.
Your fears reveal what your heart does see,
So change the viewpoint of your heart.

Said the student, puzzled, frowning,
I am who I am as born;
Fears my heart my confidence drowning,
Change I cannot, am forlorn.

“You are who you are” is conning,
Said the teacher in earnest plea,
The power to change and becoming
Means become the person you ought to be.

To change it means your heart connecting,
And then the head will follow, still;
Enter your heart by allowing
Your imagination, drawing fill.

Leave your fears outside for rusting,
Enter imagination's studio thrill;
See, hear, and feel your calling,
Plant the seed in mental mill.

Picture, hear, and feel indwelling,
Do it daily, deeply fill
Your mind in speech excelling,

Confidence building speaker thrill.

What your mind imagines vividly,
Does become your reality;
Drop your fears of failure sickly,
Instead imagine vitality.

One more step is needed student,
You must act upon your dreams,
Speak at every opportune moment,
Practice, rehearse, live your dreams.

Find a mentor who will lift you up,
Listen, learn, how speech is done,
Visit and join a Toastmasters Club,
Your dreams, possibilities, will become one.

Thus learned the student in speech excelling
Is not alone by technique fine,
But imagination unleashed, indwelling,
Releases power, confidence sublime.

As the teacher so expounded,
Your fears be chased, your dreams let swell,
Imagination and action, keys propounded,
In speech excel, in life be well!