

The Dash

I often question
if a coffin is where my legacy is destined
a Riga-mortis reflection of me
buried 6 ft deep in the 6, my legacy
and soul awaiting the arrival of 12 disciples
and no remnants of me
no fruits of labor left for my seeds
not leaving this world better than when I had come in
my name forgotten; not even whispered upon the lips
of those my actions impacted
it's scary
I heard once that
the worst thing that could happen to us when we die
is not death itself
it is to be forgotten
I cringe at the thought of my efforts lost in coffins
boxed in; the same confines that caused me problems
my legacy and beliefs encrypted on a tombstone
indicating the dates to and from
but I hope the dash in between
represents more than just the good work i've done
my life
blowing in the wind like the breath that has left from my lungs
only to leave this world unfulfilled
with holes in the pure potential I was given
and spinning the same cycle to my children? No
When your time comes, and your soul is sent
what will the dash on your tombstone

Represent?

Reflections:

Two things in life are guaranteed, life and inevitably, death. Nothing else is promised to us. Many of us never take the time to reflect on what it is we would like to leave behind. I believe each day we are given is an opportunity to create or leave our legacy. A legacy is not only how we are remembered but its also what we leave behind for others to celebrate and continue what we stood for. When we take the time to realize that often so many souls depart this earth without making some positive impact or contribution, it can be a sad realization. To know of the sacrifices and the blood shed that was made to provide us our own canvas to create. A legacy does not have to be as grand as any one else. We all inherit different lives, skills and opportunities. We must make the most of what we are given and of the things we've fought for.

When think of a tombstone we often see the dates and sometimes neglect the dash in between. To me, that dash is the most important thing on the tombstone. That dash is the symbol of what that person represented. And of the lives they have touched and the things they've created in that time period.

So what is your legacy?