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I Believe I can Fly

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I left home, friends and loved ones in search of my identity, as the bird leaves the nest where it learned to fly, searching and exploring a new world.

I flew very far away, not anywhere though, but where birds gather from around the world. I experienced accomplishments and disappointments, but I didn't give up even if I wasn't the most experienced "flyer". I know I still have a lot to learn and seek.

I am a fighter and I'm continuously striving because it's something I like and because people around me encourage me. Sometimes, I want to do it all at once, but from my other experiences, hurrying things up is not good and I hate to go over things so easy.

There is something that will always remain in my heart: I will never forget where I left and also cannot forget who gave me life and taught me how to fly for the first time.

I hope I can offer the same love to my "baby birds" and teach them how to live freely and how to fly to explore the world.

It's wonderful!

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