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Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I found this photo on a blog with a variety of inspirational, stunning photos with underlying meaning that is meant to bring joy and happiness to the viewer..

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This picture depicts about a group of twenty children, both boys and girls, in their respective school uniforms in a classroom. The children and the teacher, who is standing in the middle of all of the children, seem to be of Indian ethnicity, and the kids appear to be of a variety of ages. All of the children are enthusiastic and jovial with gleeful and radiant facial expressions, suggesting their excitement at being able to attend school, and they are all waving at the camera. Unfortunately, the school appears to be underfunded, as the environment seems unsanitary and there appears to be mold growing on the walls.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

For most people, school is a boring and monotonous process that they are forced to attend for essentially the entire first portions of their lives. Kids dread going to school because it requires effort and energy and because the subjects they learn are dull, dry, and apparently useless for their future as adults. This picture, however, completely denies the stereotypical assumption that characterizes kids and their views on school because it displays kids who could not be happier to acquire information and a greater knowledge about the world. This school probably exists in a low income area either in India or in some Persian country near the Middle East, and so education is probably limited or very scarce in the area. Thus, these innocent children are happily welcoming their future in society by embracing knowledge and the learning process, something that kids in fortunate countries around the world completely take for granted.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

This picture appears to have been edited with a sepia filter to make it appear a very faint brown tinge. The enthusiasm of the kids in the picture represents an utmost appreciation for the education system, which is highly taken for granted in well off countries, such as the United States. Moreover, their enthusiasm represents a generation full of optimistic believers, who desire to make a difference in the world.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

Innocent and optimistic children could never be passed up for an incorporation into my poetic vision project. These kids in particular not only completely defy the stereotype against kids and the education system in the modern era, but they also seem to have a greater knowledge about what is important in life. Rather than hating and despising school and learning because it comes off as boring or a complete waste of time, these students recognize education in any form as one of the most crucial and significant experiences in life that one could ever acquire. Of course, every experience a person takes under his belt is a learning experience, but these students strongly desire the kind of skill and experience that can directly lead them to change the world, which a proper education can most certainly provide. The famous apartheid leader Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Education, even simply the basic necessities, truly propels people forward to succeed in their lives as adults. Society needs to be filled with people like the kids in this picture who are hopeful of their own future and who strongly desire to make a difference in the world by devoting themselves to knowledge and education. Ultimately, this photo is poetic because it forces the viewer to contemplate what he or she does value and appreciate and what he or she should value and appreciate. Those who simply scrape by in school and do not respond to the multitude of opportunities that education provides will truly regret it in the future.

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