

Life is Beauty to me because, without life, the world wouldnt be a thing All living things have a life, that is why I admire life Some beautiful things in life are love & food because without those things the world wont be admired/cherished Also nature, Parks near my area are beautiful and have life in them, plants and flowers. The animals too have life The sun is alive too, with the clouds in the sky

> Hector C. Unit 0 05/15/25



Life is beautiful, so take advantage and enjoy it I believe life is beautiful, because in life, there are so many things & places to witness For example, there are mountains to go hike, there are forests to go & explore, there are oceans to sail, there are cities to go tour I believe life is too beautiful & precious to let it go to waste I also believe life is beautiful because life ends. Knowing this helps me apprecaite what I have and makes me value everything

more.

Sergio P. Unit 0 05/15/24

IAM

I am a juvenile in Los Padrinos i wonder whats happening on the outs I hear gunshots I see homeless people drugged on the streets I want to help other kids stay out of jail I am a 14 year old youth I pretend I am not here I feel sad I touch the sky I worry about my life I cry no tears I am a juvenile in Los Padrinos I understand my family misses me I say i am going to college I dream about being free I try to go to school and graduate I hope I become a probation officer I am a juvenile at Los Padrinos

Joseph S. Unit B 03/06/24 Food I like/dislike
I like crunchy boneless wings
I like the crunchy spicy taste
I like the aromatic smell
with the ranch on the side
and when I eat it I feel great
I dislike the sweat brown chicken
It looks like dog food
The hard brown rice, ill never eat
I hate the sweaty smell
I tried to like it
But the sweaty smell will never let me eat it again
BONUS:

I once was a chicken
now I no longer have bones
Im friend with the atomic seasoning and smell
serve me with a side of ranch

Nelson S Unit N. 03/09/24



Throughout life I've seem whats real and fake scared of the outcome, death in my face tragedies happen on a daily basis kids ODing off drugs ,this life isnt safe I wanna see the better in me, time for a new start my head down like what happened? coldness touched my heart its time for a new change, my soul was reborn 2morrow isnt promised, God forgive me, I dont wannt sin no more

Segio y. Unit D 3/7/22



Behind Bars

While in the cages
looking around
seeing inmates
I'm in a deep situation
this will go by quick
While looking at the sky
just think about life
wonder what's next
waiting to be free.

Carlos P. 3/21/22 Unit D Nothing is going to stop me.
You all shoot me with a gun but no
matter what you do I'm going to
always run.

They can shoot me all day long but just like the sun I will always rise.

I am like the sun because there's a new chance to make another day.

> Juan R. 4/25/22 Unit D

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