

FM REVIEW 2015 18 COMMENTS

COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This is a lovely essay about what mothers, especially working mothers, give to their daughters, especially working daughters. It is written in a lyrical, quasi-poetic style that well suits the themes of gratitude and appreciation expressed. Reviewers uniformly liked the essay very much. With a few minor tweaks, this piece will make a moving contribution to the journal.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Thank you for such a lovely essay. It is both a specific tribute to your mother, who sounds like a remarkable woman, and to mothers, especially working mothers, everywhere, who inspire their daughters toward full and meaningful lives. We would like to request a few minor revisions to refine an already excellent piece of writing.

1) In contrast to reviewer 2, I believe the lyrical, quasi-poetic style of the essay is well suited to the themes of gratitude and appreciation you express. The repetition of "what my mother remembers" and "what I remember" in my view add to the poignancy and power of the writing. Nevertheless, please note the reviewer's comments, and make any changes you feel will strengthen the piece.

2) Please note a few words or phrases in the attached edited copy which could be improved with a more specific substitute.

Again, thank you for writing this essay, which puts into language what so many daughters feel.

COMMENTS TO EDITOR II: This lyrical prose piece shares the impact her mother had on this family physician. It celebrates mothers, daughters, and in a way, the support and inspiration involved in becoming a family doctor. I recommend acceptance.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR II: Thank you again for this poetic prose piece. It is a tender reminder that we are all part of a long chain, and owe so much to so many - especially our mothers.