

A visual representation of "Mother and Child" by Jennifer Wong

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Mothers always shelter their children from dangers. We, being teenagers, may branch out and meet different challenges when we grow up. But being their children, our mothers are always there to support us whenever we are tired.

I drew the poet and her mother on each side of the painting, and their precious memories in the middle. On the right side, the moment when her mother was holding her when she was a baby shows the maternal love since she was born. I used mainly warm colours like orange and red in my artwork to represent happiness and blessing.

Trees provide nourishment for fruits to grow, so they become juicy and tasty. Similarly, our mothers teach us how to behave, so we become better people.

**Positive value(s) and attitude(s):** Love and support

Positive message(s): 'Family is not an important thing. It's everything.' -Michael J. Fox

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You showed me how to tell a fresh egg by its shell, holding it up against the lamp.

You'd look up at the sky, predict from the stillness of the air when the rain would arrive.

The language of your dishes: ginger and tangerine peel julienned to the finest; fish steamed to perfection.

On long summer nights you'd lull me to sleep in the breeze of your palm leaf fan.

Even caning, when it happened, was a way of loving despite the hurt. It has made me a braver girl.

And that first time I stood on the swing, facing the wind, flying forward, seeing the world with your help,

leaving but not leaving you.

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