

Calliope

Volume 46 Opia: Revealing the I

Article 25

1-1-2014

Dear Little Children

Jeannette K. Setiawan University of the Pacific

Follow this and additional works at: http://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/calliope



Part of the Poetry Commons

Recommended Citation

Setiawan, Jeannette K. (2014) "Dear Little Children," Calliope: Vol. 46, Article 25. $A vailable\ at: http://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/calliope/vol46/iss1/25$

This Poem is brought to you for free and open access by the College of the Pacific at Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Calliope by an authorized editor of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact mgibney@pacific.edu.

Dear Little Children JEANNETTE K. SETIAWAN

Dear little girls, I hope you stop trying to find yourself in your reflection, because no mirror reflects your soul.

Your beauty is not going to be found in your reflection, but in loving yourself.

Dear little boys, I hope you stop trying to find yourself in the fog of cigarettes, because you are stronger than the way they define you.

Your strength is not going to be found in your confusion, but in accepting yourself.

Dear little children, I hope you love yourselves the way your parents love you, because you are more than the way society defines you.

You are way more than what they think you are.