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## Hope

Hope

noun

a feeling of expectation

a desire for a certain thing to happen

a feeling of trust

What's your definition of hope?

Hope is not the absence of pain.

It's the belief

in the possibility of

joy's return.

Hope is a word

that keeps you alive

gives you strength

gives you life.

Hope encourages you

to hold on and the pain will end.

Do the homeless have hope?

Do they hope

that one day

they will have a house?

have money?

a job?

a meal?

a shelter?

Do they hope

one day

the suffering will end?

Hope lets people

thrive to live.

If the homeless

had no hope,

they wouldn't be out

begging for money

a job,

a shelter.

They just want someplace to relax,

let all their worries go

and hope for things

to get better.

Hope for a new life.

Hope keeps our hearts

and dreams alive.

Without hope

our dreams

will remain in the dark.

We could give them hope

give them something

something to hold on to

something to look forward to

even if it's just a smile

or words

just

something.

We hope for things

in our life.

It wouldn't hurt

to hope for one thing -

hope the homeless

will keep hoping.