



DEAR SHIZUKO,

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As the new decade begins, I like to open the year with a light of INSPIRATION with your work "HOPE", Fusion Ikebana Series. What better way to bring to life every individual's hopes and aspirations!

HOPE: A FOUR LETTER WORD so powerful in every one of us to give us aspirations in our future,

HOPE: The answer to every prayer when you are in need and facing challenges in Life,

HOPE: The desire to succeed and meet your goals and ambitions as you search for your identity,

HOPE: The knowledge and realization that no matter the struggle, success is at hand.

It is found in every one of us, in the most difficult of times and seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

In a student, completing his project in class and desiring a good mark from his teacher,

In a father, working hard daily to bring to his family all their needs and wants,

In a mother, as she welcomes her young baby to the world and prays for her wonderful life,

In a family, as they work together filled with Hope for their happiness and success!

Greenblatt captured those emotions in her 3D work with the outflowing of flowers from each branch;

As we peek through each door, we see light and that nourishes the branches and a flower goes forth...

Each door represents one phase in our life; which explains three doors and stages that we go through,

First Stage; Birth to Childhood; joy of being born and the age of discovery and curiosity of the world...

Second Stage: Adolescence to Maturity; striving to reach your desired goals and then meeting them..

Third Stage: Adulthood to Retirement; feeling satisfaction in life and enjoying every moment.

Greenblatt has made us see our lives through these three doors and every challenge we face becomes

A lesser one because we have HOPE in our hearts and that fuels our spirit to overcome and Eventually find HAPPINESS in our lives through our belief in ourselves and the family that surrounds us.

At every stage, there is Doubt and Fear, but the branches makes us see the light and the flower blooms

Bringing Beauty and Serenity to a troubled world filled with Uncertainty and Doubt and Disbelief!

As I look again at Greenblatt's latest work, her constant expression of HUMAN EMOTION Is so well displayed by every piece of work she creates for us and her desire for all of us To see the world through her eyes as an Artist, and a MOTHER!

At this stage of her life, Greenblatt shows us that no matter what stage in life you are You can discover a more positive tone in a world filled with anxiety and pessimism, She shows us through her work, that we can choose to see the world through her eyes of OPTIMISM and HOPE for a BETTER TOMORROW for ourselves and our families!

YOU INSPIRED ME TO WRITE THIS VERSES OF POETRY FROM YOUR ART WORK!

WITH LOVE, ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE,

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