A TRIBUTE TO HEWBURNE HATTON

Setting the stage for this tribute was edged into my psyche during my formative years, when I was deeply touched by your unstinting commitment to humanity - ever demonstrating how to "be" in the 'human kingdom" – your humanism, altruism, patience, courage, integrity, love, dedication, care; respect, sensitivity towards children and wisdom – taught me "never to dishonor anyone" and that humanity is lost without freedom of thought and "being". So, Cousin Hewburne, continue to stay the course! Love- Patience!

I have dedicated text to you, but this tribute for your eightieth birthday on February 7, 2012 has propelled me once more to express my gratitude for your "being" and the role you played in my enlightment – when I learned through imitation and emulation. You allowed "me" to "be" by exposing me to your trade skills and work ethics – taking me with you to Mr. Gardner - Cousin Frank's place of work and also placing me on the counter at Mr. Sears General store, while you fill your orders, by attending to customers. Always having a watchful eye! Wisdom – Sensitivity!

I recalled you demonstrating the "real essence" of humility by taking Desiree and me to the Water Purification Plant at Wismar – showing us the intricate process of water purification and its significance; also the visit to the Bauxite and Aluminum Plants, where you ensured the young minds acquire knowledge through observation - Always sharing and teaching! To this we remain thankful. Time spent – Benevolence!

Not forgetting your culinary skills, where you ensured that all were fed – also your ice-cream, channa and other snack trips in Buxton – leaving all the children with their "small piece", which was cherished. How can "I" overlook your taking me to the cinema and trips to the farm lands – sharing gardening tips! Ingenuity – Balance – Civics!

While I am personally thanking you, Cousin Hewburne, I am expressing the sentiments of "many", in particular, Brenda, your sister (little sis), Desiree and Jean (my sisters), with whom you were instrumental in allowing them to find and speak "their word" – as they continue contributing towards the common good and human "uplift" – of how to "be" in the "Human Kingdom". Introspection – Elucidated!

During adulthood, you respected my eccentricity and made sure that "I" always had adequate supplies of fruits and vegetables – while I sojourned in 1976. Papaw did wonders! You also shared with me your critical analysis of the Political Dimensions in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and in your summation, you uttered – "Donkey Batty Round but he shit Square"- Laugh! No pun intended. (Much respect)! Lessons learnt – always interpret for yourself – freedom can be dangerous – challenge myth with facts – be disciplined, Peaceful, Persuasive – Transformation! Possibilities!

It is fitting that I replicate these poetic expressions from the text In Being the name of the Game, in which you were among the dedicated – they demonstrate how we all are deeply touched-which is significant of the life we "lead" for total "uplift" for "all".

NOBILITY IS AS NOBLE DOES

The essence of nobility all enjoy.

Some are in love, peace, harmony and many others in self – out of self and within self.

Nobility has life, birth and longsuffering.

Nobility is as noble does.

In all of us, nobility strives but to each of us, it enfolds its essence in many ways.

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Some of us, we bleed to death – many of us, we greed to live -

and

Most of us, we dwindle by the way.

Nobility is as noble does

To each his own -

and

So many of us strive to be noble, as the test of character becomes a daily chore, but endure with surety, excellence and dignity.

Nobility is as noble does.

Among the best of us there is rank, class, eminence, dignity and fame.

To the least of us, there is grace, peace, caution, care and high self esteem.

For nobility is as noble does.

To each of us and to all of us

Nobility is as noble does.

INFLUENCE

Patience is one of the virtues that cannot be maneuvered. It is like rain drops – when it hits a surface – it expands and covers – with great magnitude.

Cousin Hewburne – you are our light – the "star' that will continue to illuminate – your foot prints are indelible – truth endureth –

We are grateful! We all love you! Much Respect! Stay the course!

NOBILITY IS AS NOBLE DOES!

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