# NO MORE BULLYING & SUICIDE ANTHOLOGY POETRY, PROSE, & STORIES

# A Hand To Heal Never To Hurt: No More Bullying and Suicide Anthology

### A Letter To Readers

### Dear Reader,

This body of literal work that is before you is intended to encourage, inspire, and motivate those going through the trials and tribulations of bullying and suicide.

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### Childhood

She was born to children, yet she never had a childhood

Escaping into other worlds inside a book, hiding away where no one else would look

Her classmates called her by name, it was defeat

She painted pictures in her head, holding her teddy tight to keep away the fright from the night

From a little girl to a woman, teddy never left her bed, as she continued to paint pictures in her Head

Then one day she took a stand and picked up a paintbrush in her hand Now no longer called defeat, critics are throwing accolades at her feet No longer curled up in tears on the floor, she watches as the auction prices continue to soar

She wields the brush like a sword, and now her inner child lives in harmonious accord

She still paints pictures in her head, except now they hang over someone else's bed.

By Neville Hiatt

# Helping Hand

Down

I won't let you keep

Me down

I was meant to pursue

The greatness the Most High

Has blessed me with.

My heart bleeds whenever I see

A young man and a young lady

Walking around looking down,

With a frown,

Thinking negative about themselves

Feeling death is the only way out

No, its the cowardly way out.

Young man, young lady

I've been where you are,

Thought exactly what you are

Thinking.

I fought my way up out of that

Dark hole called depression

With God being that powerful force

Continuing to pull up.

This is no way to live.

You have special gifts thrust upon you

That you are meant to share with the

World.

*Ignore what negative things others* 

Say and do to you

You are meant to live this way

Strong,

Positive,

Full of love and joy.

I'm here to with a helping hand,

Take it.

Leave the darkness that's continually

Bringing you down

Allow no more disrespect and abuse.

*Ignored blessings is an everyday* 

Tragedy.

My helping hand will always be here

When you need it, but remember this

You are great and meant to live great.

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By Toyhoney

### 1 Cried

In the morning I grab a coffee,
Take a peak at the morning news,
Only to wake and see
It is not only the life you choose.
I do not even know if I want to get up,
even to get my second cup.

Maybe it is my little quirk
But every day I take the same way to work.
A car accident is what I got to witness.
A little girl looks in sadness.
The father she holds on a pedestal
May not make it to the hospital.

I work beside a fellow by the name of Bob.
This is his twenty fifth year on the job,
Never will he be a supervisor,
Let alone get his division transfer.
You see he is an independent soul
And that is how he has dug his hole.

I get home to eat my supper
With a drink and the daily paper,
Reading the news of the day
About others and their hard way,
Across the world in another place.
Thankfully I do not have to see their face.

At night I climb into bed,
Thinking about things left unsaid.
Trying to deal with everyday tragedy.
You can only be as strong as you can be
And like every night I held my head as I cried.
Today, like everyday, another piece of me died.

By Andrew Scott

# One Teardrop

One teardrop

Hits my shirt
Stain of hurt
Please, Jesus
Dry my eyes
Clean my shirt
Soiled in dismay
Lord, I have to say
Send me guidance
Situations so strong
I don't want to drown
In my wrong
Allow your
Heavenly servants
Sing me songs
Showing my worth
While your angel serenade
My depress hurt
My tears dry
Wiped from your holy hands

My heart that was left open

Mended by care

As your angel's share...

Protecting me from this turmoil

Of doubt that was there...

### The Ol'Man In The Mountain

Jack was an ol' man that lived in a mountain
Life came from him, like water from a fountain
He gave life to a family of four
A wife he always felt was the perfect score
Together in a cabin most felt was poor
But he had his family and that is what his life was for

Jack was a jolly man, who was nothing but heart
He would go poor to give you a start
He was always a sight to see
Orange hair, grey beard that almost reached his knee
You never heard him holler
Small body full of laughter

Pride and honour walked with him everyday
If you had honesty, he gave you any time of the day
He would be the one to speak the truth when you did not want to hear it
But he picked the times when it would fit
When he considered you a friend
He would be beside you until the end

No one knew when the disease came
He wore it without shame
Jack's tanned skin went white
He would tell you he was alright
Even when jack was at his weakest
He was full of tenderness

Friends and family paid respects when he was taken away
Remembering the joy Jack brought everyday
We celebrated his memory
While his frail soul was being set free
How we can see him in his own heaven
Laying peacefully, as the Ol' Man in the Mountain

By Andrew Scott

# Overcoming The Storm

She was a delicate flower

Those who taunted her on a daily

At school

Convinced her that she was an ugly

Duckling

As they called her filthy names,

Shoved her,

Pulled her hair,

Told her she was dumb and stupid

And nobody loved her

Brought up with no spiritual background

She didn't know how to pray except for

Saying the blessing for her food

And her prayers at night

All her bruised emotions she kept

Bottled up

With the little strength she had

She would fight back

As time went on she grew tired of

Being mistreated and continued to defend

Herself against those who constantly

Bullied her

Music was her escape

One day the lyrics in one of her favorite

Songs awakened her thoughts

Why did she allow herself to be belittled?

Why did she not speak up for herself?
Those lyrics gave her courage to be strong,
Speak up and don't hold in those
Toxic emotions
Time went by
And with her new found confidence
She continues to fly

By Toyhoney

# Shake It Off

Shake it off While the holy spirit Stirs it's gift *Inside your soul* It also Provides your needed lift From this disparaging pit Where so many once put your name Your good was spoken to be evil The bruises over your eyes Hurts But still praise The Most High You could still see So your visions Remains in this clear Wide open Not just your shoulder But your whole body Should be shaken

From all the dirt that

Weighs on your mind

Showing that a dark hole

Never will ever deter

You from your goals

Every shovel that dug

Those ditches for your demise

Would be the same

Tools used to break

Your new spiritual ground

For a territory

Ordained for you to build

For only his holy will

So shake off every worry

Because our master

Becomes the author and

Finisher in all our stories

So move closer

And become encouraged

Moving toward his grace and glory

### So This Is Christmas

Sitting here with bracelets on my wrists

Thinking of all the birthdays I would have missed

The sound of the water keeps me awake

As I unscrew the cap and say goodbye to Jake

He was true blue, fair dinkum and all that

Now the the early morning sun warms the earth where he last sat

A tiny piece of metal the difference between life and death

A tiny piece of metal before his last breath

*Now the wind carries him away* 

On this river bank is how I spend my Christmas day

By Neville Hiatt

# I Have To Let It Go

I have to let it go
Too much stress
From the family
I stand tall even
They can't stand me
He made me
In his purpose and will
Throwing hands
Asking for my peace
To be still
Those burdens
I lay on the altar
To sacrifice my pain
He will give me rest
Try not to complain
As a souldier
I must do my best
Finish my assignments
In this depressing climate
Where the weapons
Been formed

Praying my faith to be reborn

At this time

I have to let it go

Allow his spirit to flow

I can hold on to problems

While grabbing his hands

I must rejoice in my strange land

Because if I do not understand

It's all in his divine plan

I must let it go

Why am I so mindful

Over it?

I have to let it go

# Wind of Wisdom

*The wind of wisdom* 

Comes without scenery

The fruits of its vineyard

Beholds ultimate greenery

For wealth of the mind

Progressions...

Ensures no drought

For abundant blessings

*Testing the waters* 

The airwaves become

Cooling agents to grief

When your enemy behind the lines

Try to remove your feet

To be in its path

As it would teach

To keep your

Smile while enjoying laughter

Confidence in its weather

Interpreted information

Are wings of faith

You are becoming its kite

Gaining much-needed altitude

Hovering over dark clouds

This breeze comforting

Your overall reach

A moment under the stars

In this heavenly echelon

While accomplishing your feat...

# Don't Give Up

Depression gives us the *Impression that self-execution Is the best way out* I've survived depression More than a few times *In my life* Fought and won every **Battle** Satan uses troubled souls As cattle The cure for this isn't in A liquor store No drug can treat it properly *The answer is within* Not dealing with it is a Deadly sin The only true cure is

Faith and prayer

By Toyhoney

# **Emotional Weight**

My heaviness

Comes from

Not letting go

This has allowed

A constant flow

Of material that

Really means nothing

That I gave to be something

That someone who said

They Gifted me

Could care less

They somehow seem

Blessed

While I have all this weight

Being stressed

My waist change in diameter

All from my handlers

That I allowed them

Abusively to handle

I hold my change

Now...

To rearrange

The outcome of this game

He made me a winner

Not chattel cattle

To be consumed

Like everyone's dinner

They ate by spreading hate

Why I gained their weight

Fuel with anxiety and pain

Their leash becomes

Lies and deceit

Spreading rumors
While I pound these streets
I gained so much weight
Emotionally
While they prey on the weak
Every week
I lay down flat on
This earth daily
That was inherited for the meek

## Cherish and Don't Perish

Cherish and don't perish

World is your inheritance

Leaving it blank, now wouldn't do

There isn't anyone could do it for you

Don't let life complexities fold ya! bra!

I'm a part of my freedom fight a Nlistic Souldier

# Dealing With Life

DEALING WITH LIFE WE OFTEN HAVE PAIN DEALING WITH PAIN WE OFTEN FEELS ITS STRAIN ALL THIS THAT WE OBTAIN SHOULD BE MORE MOTIVATION FOR OUR BRAINS HE HOLDS OUR VESSELS SO DEAR SO THAT IT WON'T EVER POP GIVES US OUR PASSION IN EACH PASSING THIS DEVOTION BECOMES CONTINUAL FOR THIS CARE I WILL NEVER STOP

### I Can See Your

I can see your

Wrinkles

But never once saw

Your flaws

Seas of

Waves that crowns

Your face

Showing us

That numerous storms

Had passed

You helped us to be

Ready

To step off our ark

I saw you walking

With a limp

But I heard of days

You had walked

So many miles

For freedom

Even if your steps

Are slow now

Speed was never

Our determining factor

Anyways

Because your movement

Always was on time

I wasn't there to witness

Or help you

Battle your social injustice

But I'm here now to tell you

That you are much appreciated

Your not just a body That looks as if its worn From rights of humanity That the powers that be Had more than often torn Through your life we triumph So the Red Sea That appears on Your face so long ago Departed It now becomes Our trophy of faith A sure sign of our creator Abundance and grace ... Giving us serenity *In what's to come* 

### 1 Heard

I heard of your past But you overcame There was many to blame That attacked your Awareness For change Many who witness The solemn sounds of Your confessions Were heightened They did not win Those lyrics deeply Explain your pain within It gave your poems depth And sincerity With each line emerged Complete clarity Of where you been It even told us of your Promising future In a sense That you would write To enlighten For whom would read To give them courage For them to never Become frighten again You told of stories of fear *Likewise words of happiness* And of love But you survived

By your vigilance and strength
Before
You would be immortalized
By your immaculate words
You left us
I remembered your past
But also for your tenacity
For the arts that would always
Mimic life

# In Harm's Way

In harm's way Becomes a way of coping A dramatic lifestyle That forms post traumatic syndrome P.T.S.D.A sin against mental stability Blockage from our dreams Feelings not so agile A heart that is fragile Becomes a rock That obstruct blood flow Stubborn never letting go Always in reliving your past Funny valentine This defense mechanism Allowed you to last So long But never living Or truly giving your gift Of life A fist is powerful But a open hand could grab A knife is a tool

Without a powerful hand

Your under many scrutiny

Could it stab .....
In harm's way

They don't ever see
Your beautiful insight

But trade it off

Harming your intellect
In every way
Critical conditions daily
You don't have the currency
To pay
Ill faded emotionalize promises
For your refuge
Upon others strict delay

# We Are In This Together

We are in this together
If you feel closed in..
Grab your elbow grease
Negative vibes... please don't release
Praying for peace..
Us men need to show more love
Dedication to our families
Devotion forms a circle...
Lets become rounded never square
We in this together
So simultaneously lets share
Remind you we are souls collected.....
Human life is so precious.....

### This For The One

This for the one....who never heard I love you sincerely....
I pinpoint this frequency
On your soul....
We all need to be loved ..
Yearning to feel its warmth
Love complications..
Never is going to keep me away
The leaves and branches my stray
In a hurricane
I'm the base of this oak tree
My devotions will sustain

This is for the ones...

Who never been told they were loved

I scribe this for your inner man

That has been..so cold

For so many years of disbelief

Praying for your incarnations ..

Are released .....my love is action

My love becomes your attraction

Just asking....have you ever been

Loved like this before ....

A spiritual design for our comfort

### **Blessed Forward**

She told me thoughts in his head become louder every day. He said he keeps quiet about it because he never wants to seem weak. He has an image to uphold. He is considered by others a handsome, strong, and bright student. He dates the prom queen and is captain of his high school football team. He was envied by many of his peers. He also carried a 4.0 GPA. He comes from a Polish background. Craig's parents graduated from Ivy League schools, his mother works as a bank manager and his dad is a certified public accountant. With his parents being overachievers they're not home as much and they push Craig to be more responsible.

Why am I writing about this young man? I'm his coach. I had the chance to witness him win three state championships. Little about me, I battled with depression all my life. I came from a humble background. I'm from down south and my family didn't have much. I was always bullied. I was told by my peers who were black that I was disgraceful to my race because of my family's financial situation. I wasn't accepted by the other races because of the negative stigmatism of how the media portrays Afro-Americans. I had it coming both ways. Here is a little bit about my back story. I struggled as a child until I went to church one day and gave my life to Christ

My pastor took time to look after me. His name was Pastor Landers. Through Pastor Lander's ministry, I obtained a scholarship to college. I want to give back to the youth like my pastor did. I decided to major in education So that led to landing a job at this Christian high school. I love my job. So it weighed on me when this happened in my life.

His name is Craig, and he had an arm like no other. I mean this guy was majorly talented. Quietly suffering from a past trauma, abuse from a relative. A trigger could come from being chastised or something of that nature. This would sometimes put a strain on his relationship with Sabrina, the prom queen, who had some issues of her own she was dealing with.

Sabrina was a lovely, intelligent young lady who also carried a 4.0 GPA. Both of her parents are educated, her father is a politician and her mother is an heiress. Her parents have taught her the importance of education and family legacy. They believe her relationship with Craig is a phase, they've arranged her future with someone else. She deals with keeping up appearances with the popular crowd with her passion for singing and her love for Craig. Sabrina had a lot going for herself. She was smart and beautiful. She suffered bad self-esteem problems. Craig was the polar opposite. I've seen Craig coach her on many opportunities in our school. One day he heard Sabrina sing. She thought she was alone. Sabrina was tending to her mother outside the garden. While she didn't even know Craig was behind her Craig knew she was at a certain time, so he wanted to surprise her. To his surprise, he heard her and was blown away. Even though Sabrina was very shy, he convinced her to be in our school choir. Our school has won so many state competitions because of her voice.

A knock was on my door. It was Craig I told him to come in. His face was a bit red and anxiety covered his face. I asked him what's on his mind. He spoke of the pressure of his future after graduating from high school, the pressure of Sabrina's parents, and his peers; he was feeling like he wasn't good enough. I ministered to him for an hour and a half. I told him about a man named Job in the scripture. I told him about how heavily Job's faith was tested and how he lost almost everything but he never gave up on his faith in Our Almighty Father even though he had people around him who discouraged him Job still held on to his faith. I prayed with him and told him to read the Book of Job for himself, stay encouraged, and talk to me anytime. When he turned to walk out of my office I felt his burden was light and I hoped and prayed that he would be strong through his trials.

Craig is an easygoing guy at times. He loves to encourage people. I wish he would believe in himself more than he did others. This was a special quality that he had around the people he truly loved. I heard about Craig and Sabrina giving a helping hand to others at the local food pantry. They were inseparable it seemed. I overheard a young lady talking to another young lady. She said they should break up because she is tired of seeing them together. I always thought it was great because truly they complimented each other

I told Craig that he should start studying the Book of Job. Without Christ, there's no way you could do it alone. Job himself had lost everything and had so-called friends not giving him the right advice but he still never went against Our Heavenly Father. When you're encouraged and learn a truth you've never learned before your spirit is enlightened and strengthened. There were things Craig had been putting off about his future and he felt ready to take the proper actions. He got into the process of making his studio with Sabrina in mind along with other artists who would need help. With this move he was making he was hoping to make his parents proud. Craig's parents helped him with the purchase of the office space but the rent was his responsibility. The first person he could think about telling was Sabrina. He went to her house smiling and excited about telling her the news, he heard loud talking outside of the house. Craig knocked on the door with a concerned look on his face, the voices got louder and louder approached the door. The door opened and it was Sabrina's mother.

"You are the one that has been filling my daughter's head up with this foolishness of being a singer. My daughter is going to be the first female president and you want her to slum it with you? That's not going to happen. We have a young man picked out for her that can give her more than you can. You're dead weight and will never amount to anything."

"Mom, what are you doing? I love him." Sabrina screamed as she was approaching the door with tears in her eyes.

"You're wrong, you're wrong about me. I have worked hours with your daughter to perfect her gift and I just purchased a studio for her and other artists who are put down by people like you. She will make money with me doing what she loves and not what's expected of her to do."

<sup>&</sup>quot;What do you want," she said in a cruel tone.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Hi, may I see Sabrina?" He asked politely.

<sup>&</sup>quot;No you may not," she answered in a cruel tone.

### Craig responded.

He turned around and walked away. Sabrina was trying to go after him but her mother was holding her back. Craig was moving so fast without knowing it he ended up at his high school building. He ran through the halls where students and teachers looked. One of his teammates called out for him, but Craig ignored him and kept going. His teammate ran to me and told him Craig was headed for the roof. I ran straight to where he was. Craig was standing at the edge. Sabrina was able to break the grasp of her mother and follow Craig, but was it too late?

"Craig, hold on son. You don't want to do this, remember what I told you. Where do you think you will go if you succeed in doing this? It's not Heaven. One of the Ten Commandments states "Thou shalt not murder." If you do this the enemy wins. It's enough to deal with what we deal with on earth. The goal is to live for Him. Remember, remember the story of Job. Did he give up, did he give up Craig?" I asked.

"No". Craig cried.

"That's right and remember what he lost he gained so much more," I said.

Craig came back off the ledge. Sabrina ran toward him and hugged him expressing her love. I stood far off trying to catch my breath, thanking The Almighty Father for using me as a vessel to help save this young man's life.

Craig went on to pursue his goal. Side by side he and Sabrina worked to build the success of the studio; they helped a lot of artists of all ages and nations. He encouraged young men and he would call me for assistance. He continues to plant those seeds of faith and encouragement.

# Addicted To Love

A mutual vice connected us. When we were together, we were in a world of our own no one else existed in it; it was just the two of us. Some call it falling in love, I call it emotionally connected. I deeply loved this woman and desired to be her main man. From the first day we spent together, I had it bad for her and I would do anything for her, that's how this story begins.

Seven years of indulging in our mutual vice, sharing secrets, and connecting on a level we never connected with anyone. For the past month, I haven't seen her much and when I do see her she needs something or is in trouble. Then one day, the answer behind the distance between us was shown, another man. I saw them embracing like I've always dreamed we would. She even looked at him how I felt she should look at me. I thought to myself "Maybe I should be more patient" Then I thought "No I waited for seven years." Whenever she needed money or whatever she needed, I was there. She needed someone to talk to someone who wouldn't judge her, I was there. I was there to offer the love and care that she needed. So many ways I've shown how much I loved and cared about her.

I used the distance to do some soul searching, I ignored her calls and made sure I wasn't anywhere that she would be able to find me. A neighbor of ours, who's like a father figure to us, told me about a serious issue she was going through. She had lost her job and was in danger of losing everything. My heart felt for her, so I decided to wait around for her to talk to her about her situation.

The next time I saw her, she was with him. I took her to the side and asked if I could speak to her alone, and she gave me a time and place to meet her. As I anticipated when our meeting would take place, I decided I would give her the offer of a lifetime. Despite my addiction, I was working a good-paying job with a place of my own and a car. Seven years of my life my heart and my mind have been with one woman and I was determined to make her mine.

As I waited at the spot she picked to meet, my heart was beating hard and fast, it felt like it would have beat through my chest. Fifteen minutes went by then twenty-five minutes, then thirty-five minutes there was no sign of her. My emotions went from excited to angry. How could she stand me up like this? This was the last straw.

I drove 65 miles per hour to my place and as soon as I got there I heard noises of laughing and then moaning. I followed the noises to where they were coming from. Then I saw something that broke my heart, her with him. Tears welled up in my eyes, my breathing became short, and my level of anger rose. Seven years, Seven years I spent my time with this woman loving, caring for her being there for her when nobody was, where was he? Now he pops up out of nowhere.

Something in me snapped, since the night of what I witnessed I watched her like an owl. I was waiting for the right time to confront her. I invested years of my life with her. I needed an answer to why..she....did...not..pick...me? I saw her by herself, I asked the questions that were on my heart, and I spoke what was on my heart. The way she answered was like we were strangers, like we never had meaningful conversations and everything I did to prove my love meant nothing. I listened to her say negative things about me like I was nothing, I flashed back to the night I saw what she had done with him.

Then I told her out of the pain that I was done wasting my time. Next time she needed a shoulder to cry on or someone to pay her way to find someone else. She stomped away from me still spewing negative things.

I went back to my place and paced back and forth. Then I sat down and wrote a Dear Jane letter writing everything I felt about this woman for the past seven years. I got in my car and sped off. I figured I would drive until I couldn't anymore. The next thing I heard was a loud car horn and everything faded to black. Maybe she'll get the letter I wrote for her; how she feels about it after reading will be up to her.

I woke up in a hospital with the beeping sounds of machines. My thought was to end it all when I got behind the wheel of my car, but I was given a second chance. My body may not operate like it used to but my mind is better and stronger. I'm a paraplegic who has been free of my addiction for two years. It took losing my ability to walk to find The Most High and to live in the purpose I should have years ago. I currently work at a shelter and as a counselor in the hospital where I was a patient helping people to not destroy their lives as I almost did.

What happened to the young lady I thought I loved? Well last I heard she lost everything and that she was in a rehabilitation center getting help, then I heard again that she left that center. Sometimes I look for her. I can see her in the young ladies who come by the shelter. I learned my lesson you can't make anyone

love you and when the signs are there to show how they truly feel for you don't ignore them. The Almighty Father blessed me with something I never thought I'd have, a woman who truly loves me.