



No Sleep, Just Purpose

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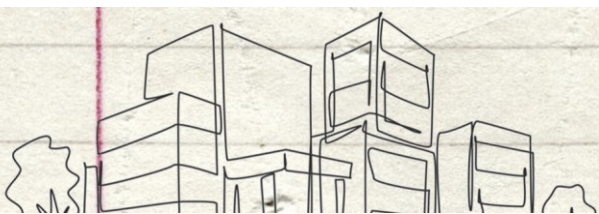
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I wake up before sunrise to pack my own meal,
Cold rice and boiled egg, nothing fancy to feel.
I walk to the terminal and ride the crowded jeep,
Half-awake, holding on, trying not to sleep.
This is how I chase a dream that feels unreal.

At night, I serve in a small-town diner,
Smiling through tired eyes, acting like a fighter.
My classmates rest, scroll, laugh with ease,
I balance plates while reviewing in peace.
No sleep but I carry something much deeper.

They often ask, "Do you ever rest?"
Not knowing I work just to take a test.
I help my siblings with their school supplies,
Even if my own grades barely rise.
Being the eldest means always doing your best.

They say, "Endure now, and life will improve,"
As if pain is something we must always prove.
But even strength breaks when stretched too long,
And just because we smile doesn't mean we're strong.
Still, I keep going—because I have something to prove.





On birthdays, I bring home bread instead of cake,
Skipping sleep for a small raise I can take.
I study with candlelight and cheap instant food,
While others post cafés and study in mood.
But I carry purpose and that makes it good.

Maybe I'm quiet, maybe always late,
But I carry more than my own weight.
Not for claps, medals, or praise to receive,
But for a dream I stubbornly believe.
And even without rest, I will not leave.

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