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**LANGUAGE LIBERATION: A NATION’S REFLECTION**

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From Luzon to Mindanao, echoes are heard

Fighting for liberation, blood was shed

In every soul, in every word

Kalayaan was a concept bred.

The past remains in history’s unveiling

Culture in every language survives

Conquerors may try re-binding

But nationality is what Filipino revives.

A colorful tapestry we weave,

Dreams and stories, we cleave

Chains of power, we break

One language, we speak

Islands and islets, we were divided

But in words and faith, we resisted

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A language woven with class we paraded

A legacy in speech renewed

Amidst the conquerors grip, we found a voice

With teachings foreign, we found a choice

In our own language, we rejoice

Resilient as ever amidst the noise.

In the mountains played cowboy tunes

As Igorots danced among the runes

Igorots proud, Igorots strong

They tapped and hopped the sound of gongs.

Languages may be introduced in school

But Filipino won't lose its cool

Still the language that our heart speaks

Protected and loved, even blood may leak.

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The Filipino language speaks an ancient lore,

In every phrase, our spirit shines,

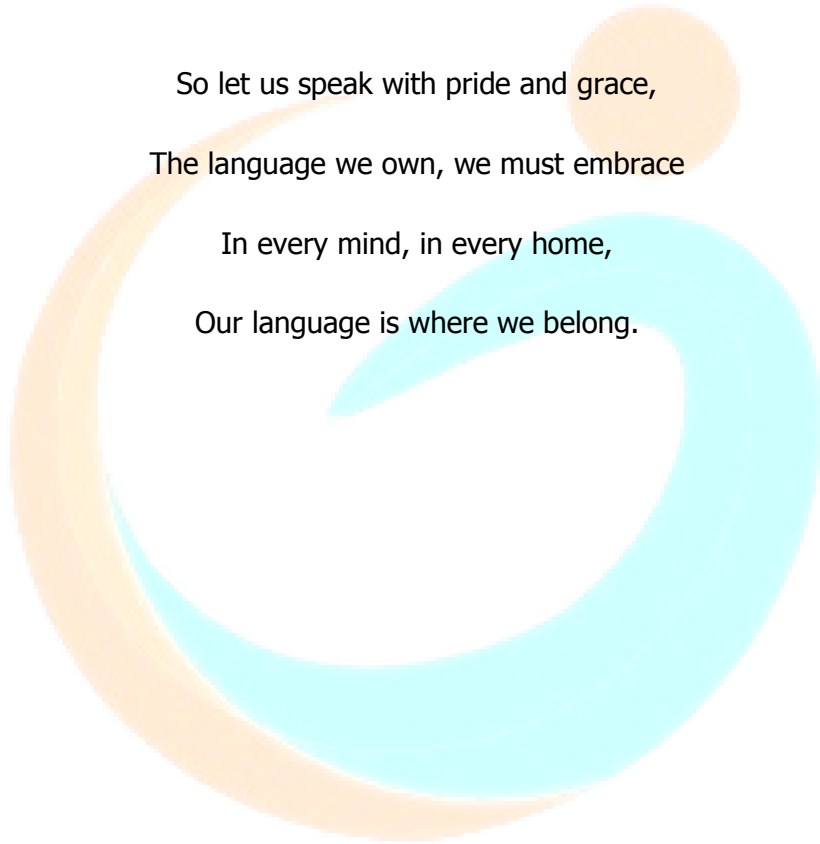
A nation's strength, in every line.

So let us speak with pride and grace,

The language we own, we must embrace

In every mind, in every home,

Our language is where we belong.



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