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**FILIPINO LANGUAGE, TAPESTRY OF RICH FILIPINO CULTURE**

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Within our language's tapestry, our culture takes its shape,  
Filipino words and phrases, our heritage they drape.  
Through Bahay Kubo's lyrics and folk songs we sing,  
Filipino language echoes, the essence of everything.

In intricate baybayin scripts, ancient wisdom resides,  
Telling tales of heroes and their valorous strides.  
From Malakas and Maganda to Lapu-Lapu's might,  
Filipino language preserves our history's light.

In vibrant fiestas and dances that come alive,  
Filipino words paint stories, our culture does thrive.  
The graceful movements of tinikling and singkil,  
In the language's rhythm, traditions dance and instill.

Our language is the gateway to Filipino hearts,  
Expressing love, joy, sorrow, every emotion it imparts.  
From "mahal kita" to "salamat po," phrases so dear,  
Filipino language embraces, drawing loved ones near.

In literature and poetry, our voices resound,  
As we celebrate our heritage, traditions profound.

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From Jose Rizal's verses to Nick Joaquin's prose,  
Filipino language weaves tales, the nation it bestows.

Through spoken words and regional dialects diverse,  
Filipino language unites, bridges any divide.  
From Luzon to Visayas, Mindanao's farthest reach,  
In Filipino words, unity we shall teach.

Our language is the mirror that reflects our roots,  
The heart and soul of our culture, bearing its fruits.  
Filipino language, our heritage and pride,  
A testament to our rich culture, forever to abide.

So let us cherish and embrace, with hearts aflame,  
The Filipino language, forever we proclaim.  
In its embrace, our culture shines bright,  
A tapestry of traditions, woven in its light.

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