

~Even just a text message~  
Dedicated to: O.F.W. (Overseas Filipino Workers all around the world.)  
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Your Father left...  
To find a work and this is his first step.  
So far away, in other nation.  
For his family's salvation.  
Because here in our Country,  
One big problem is the salary.  
This is for his family's daily needs,  
Especially the tuition fees at school indeed.  
The provision or monthly allowance of his kids,  
Especially now that everything is so expensive.

Even just a text message,  
Coming from his beloved family,  
It can make him so happy.  
A message to his tired and aching body,  
It can make him feel stronger, more each day.  
It can put a smile on his face even if he's busy.

All of these endeavor,  
Are for his loved ones' brighter future.  
A better life is his dream for them to savor,  
He always pray and hope to succeed not to be a failure.

Your Mother left...  
To work abroad and it's hard for her to move her feet.  
Thinking to be away from her children,  
But she needed to go because you all know.  
Your father's income is not enough,  
To sustain your needs today and the coming days.  
Other reason was her husband went astray,  
To the house of other woman.  
And caused a broken family,  
Then the wife raised their kids as best she could.  
She worked abroad and left the kids with her mom's care.

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Please, don't be ashamed if your Mom's work is a Maid.  
Because of its salary, your family's debt was paid.  
You can eat and buy pricy foods,  
You can buy a nice shoes and clothes.  
In a private school you were enrolled,  
Above all, it's a noble and decent job dude.

Your Brother or Sister left...  
His/hers beloved family that's for sure he/she will terribly missed.  
Because he's/she's the only hope,  
That's what your parents thought.  
And there's no choice because he's/she's the eldest.  
For his/her family he/she will gonna do his/her best.

So to all of his/her siblings that he/she send to school.  
Don't waste his/her hardly-earned money.  
Finish your studies, this is what he's/she's been asking for.  
He/She will be proud and very happy,  
If his/her dreams come true, he/she could not ask for more.

Don't brag with your friends that you've got plenty of money,  
It's not given to you just to waste it any ways.  
To produce that amount, he/she exerted lots of energy,  
Being an O.F.W., you can't just have easy money.

To all parents out there who have poor insights.  
Or parents who doesn't know if they do things right or wrong.  
They don't value their children's hardships abroad,  
Just to send them their monthly allotment.  
Some Mothers play Mahjong in the neighborhood,  
If the provision was delayed, you can hear the bad sentiment.

Some Fathers are busy meeting up the village Drunkards,  
Or do Gambling like cock fighting and playing cards.  
If it's only a diversion then it can't be wrong,  
Sometimes, parents are not aware of their limitations.

Don't ever forget to send even just a text message,  
To our loved ones who work in a foreign land,  
Whenever you have a mobile credit or load.  
No one knows what might happen to them abroad.  
We didn't know if we can still see them again in this world,  
Or maybe we can see and hug them but the body was hard and cold,  
And hands can no longer hold...  
So don't be lazy to type and send even just the three words.