

# “No Matter What and Anyway”

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To be kind, not matter what  
Do good, no matter what  
Smile, not matter what  
Always have hope, not matter what  
Love, no matter what

To be kind to all people  
To listen first then speak

Do your best and be your best self even if it is hard or it seems as if there is no point

People may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway  
People will overlook and ignore you and mock what you have done  
Reach out and love anyway  
People will want you to apologize for yourself, shine anyway  
Saying the things you want may be hard  
Speak up anyway

Do not change yourself because some people are jealous or do not like you  
Just follow your dream, not what others want

Build up your self-image, even though people can tear it down in a minute  
Build yourself up anyway

You might be proud of your accomplishments  
And some may call you full of yourself  
Be proud anyway

Even if people think you're useless, strive to be yourself anyway

Even if others think you're goofy or weird,  
Be yourself anyway

People may think you reach too high  
Smash through your goals anyway