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Dear Malala Yousafzai:

“One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world.” That was my favorite quote in the whole book. Your book *I am Malala* inspired me to think, if you believe in yourself you can accomplish anything. After reading the book, it made me think, we are here frustrated because we can't find our iPad charger, while other people around the world are frustrated because they can't find food to survive. Malala, you changed the lives of many people. What would life be like if you hadn't spoken up?

I have not experienced anything you have experienced. I am just an eleven year old girl.....or so I thought. You made me believe that I can also change the lives of many even at my age. I can change people with my music, with my dance, with my words and many other things.

When I saw your book at the bookstore I knew I was going to buy it. My dad asked me why I chose that book. I said I chose it because we had watched videos about you, but they didn't explain your whole story. The videos really intrigued me into reading your book and I am so glad I did.

Like you, I have siblings. I have a brother and a sister. My brother can also be annoying, but I think he does it because he loves me. I think brothers were made to bother their sisters. My family, like your family, will always be here for me. I noticed that your father always has a bright attitude about things. Even though our problems are small compared to those of many families around the world, my father is the same way and I know how it helps. I wish I could be as strong.

Reading your book made me realize the importance of school and how fortunate I am to be able to go to school every day safely. I am so lucky to have the freedom to choose what I can grow up to be. I want to be a photographer because I can capture moments that words can't describe. After reading your book I wonder, what the girls in Pakistan dream about. I wish I could meet some of them.

While writing this letter, I learned about the tragedy of the school in Peshawar. I was heartbroken to hear this and can only imagine how the people in Pakistan must feel. I also heard about the Nobel Peace Prize you received. I think you deserve it and it will make more people concerned with children's rights. In your speech, I liked the part where you said “ it does not matter what you look like, what language you speak or what religion you practice, all that matters is that we are human and should respect each other.” It seems that this message is important everywhere. Here in the US we have also been protesting in favor of treating all people the same way and to end police violence against those who are not white.

Your book inspired me to never hold back my thoughts and never think I am too little to make a difference. I am sure you have inspired many other people as well. In the name of all those who do not have a voice, I thank you. You have taught me to put my fears aside and just be myself.

Sincerely,

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