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## The Journey

In "The Journey," Mary Oliver writes that there are many voices and opinions around us, but we still need to express our <sup>own</sup> thoughts. The poet writes about what happens among members in a family with controlling parents, "their bad advice--/ though the whole house/ began to tremble/ and you felt the old tug." (5-8). The author claims that the suggestions by a family are annoying and confusing. These advices are all around the house and contain a lot of fear and anxiety. The speaker thinks the advice is bad, and it will hold her back, and it will be a burden to him/her. The speaker finds out his/her voice is louder than others, the speaker finally knows who she/he is and what to do.

Furthermore, valuing our time can make our life become valuable. As people mature, they are afraid to take risk, because they become more rational. It is easier to do something they what to do, when they are youth. The author clarify, "it was already late/ enough, and a wild night, and the road full of fallen/ branches and stones." (19-22). Since time is limited, people should make the best use of their time. This is hard for people to control and difficult to find their paths, but nobody can stop them from doing what they wants to do. Therefore people should start determining to do something for themselves. Once they pass the time for doing what they love to do, they won't have any more chances.

In addition, we need to believe in ourselves and listen to our own voice. The society and our family make us follow their way that we don't like. These are all their thinking and ideas

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without considering our thought. The author considers, "as you strode deeper/ into the world/ determined to do/ the only thing you could do--." (31-34). The speaker believes that he/she should not follow others and waste his/her life. The speaker does not want other people to influence <sup>him</sup> ~~he~~ her because everyone is unique and unmatched. When the speaker designs what to do, that is saving his/her life. Life can be meaningful as long as we are able to make our own decision and have control of our life. yes!

Moreover, people should not try to correct our habit and notion. We have our own way to do things and that are the special characteristics for ourselves. The author express, "Mend my life!/ each voice cried." (10-11). The speaker unable to bear those voices form family, and he/she ask to get away with those voices. That is enough for him/her. In other words, we should change ourselves instead of change other people's mind. We are the only people can influence and change ourselves. Understanding what we want to be and try to turn into to a better us.

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