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## Personal Statement

Seventeen years ago, I came bounding into a world of love and laughter. I was the first child, the first grandchild, the first niece, and the primary focus of my entire extended family. Although they were not married, my parents were young and energetic and had every good intention for their new baby girl. I grew up with opportunities for intellectual and spiritual growth, secure in the knowledge that I was loved, free from fear, and confident that my world was close to perfect. And I was the center of a world that had meaning only in terms of its effect on me-- what I could see from a height of three feet and what I could comprehend with the intellect and emotions of a child. This state of innocence persisted through my early teens, but changed dramatically in the spring of my sophomore year of high school. My beloved father was dying of AIDS.

From the moment my parents told me, I confronted emotions and issues that many adults have never faced. Death of a parent, and AIDS specifically, forced my view of the world and my sense of responsibility to take a dramatic turn. I had already accepted my father's homosexuality and had watched through the years as he experienced both prejudice and acceptance related to his sexual preference. However, in this case I did not have the benefit of time to understand my father's illness since he decided not to tell me until he had developed full-blown AIDS. My role in the relationship was suddenly reversed.

Where I had once been the only child of my single father, I was now the parent to the debilitated child. By the summer of my junior year, I had rearranged the structure of my life; as my father's illness progressed and he became increasingly incapacitated, he depended on me a great deal. Each morning before school I took him to the hospital where he received blood transfusions or chemotherapy to treat the lymphoma that was destroying his body. After school, I raced home to complete my homework so that I could later go to his apartment. There I cooked meals, cleaned up, and administered his oral and intravenous medications. Working with IVs became second nature to me. I found myself familiar with the names of drugs like Cytovene, used to treat CMV, Neupogen, to raise one's white blood cell count, and literally countless others. I came home each night after midnight, yet the fatigue I felt hardly touched me; I was no longer seeing through my own eyes, but through my dad's. I felt his pain when he was too sick to get out of bed. And I hurt for him when people stared at his bald head, a result of chemotherapy, or the pencil-thin legs that held up his 6'5" frame. I saw the end he was facing, the gradual debilitation the disease caused, the disappointment he endured when people were cruel and the joy he experienced when others were kind. I saw his fear, and it

Comment [SL1]: I would use "first born" instead since child and grandchild are so similar. Its too repetitive.

Comment [SL2]: Use a comma since both these words are descriptive. The "and" is not needed.

Comment [SL3]: Too repetitive; just start with "I was..."

Comment [SL4]: The plural version of this is more appropriate because there can be numerous effects.

Comment [SL5]: This sentence confuses me because I know what you are trying to say, but I don't think that message is getting across clearly. I would simplify it so the reader doesn't get tripped up by it.

Comment [SL6]: Change to "in".

Comment [SL7]: I would take out beloved because the reader already knows you love him. The shorter the sentence, the quicker that change of pace will effect the reader.

Comment [SL8]: I would use "AIDS" only because telling the reader "Death of a parent" takes away from the drama/build up of the story.

Comment [SL9]: Not needed.

Comment [SL10]: I would move the comma after "however" to after "case" and then add a comma after illness. This helps slow down the sentence and seem less like a run-on.

Comment [SL11]: Change to "a debilitating". It's a more active description.

Comment [SL12]: Insert a comma before "school". It helps break up the long sentence.

Comment [SL13]: Add "used".

Comment [SL14]: Not needed.

Comment [SL15]: "I felt hardly" is too repetitive and not needed.

Comment [SL16]: Change to "I felt his hurt". The repetition gives the passage good rhythm.

Comment [SL17]: Add a space here.

entered my life.

My father died on July 28, 1995. In the last year of his life, I was given the greatest gift I will ever receive: the gift of deep experience. I am now able to recognize the adversity that accompanies any good in life. My father taught me about loyalty, love and strength. But most importantly, he gave me the opportunity to see through his eyes, triggering a compassion in me and a sense of responsibility to those I love and the world around me that I might not have otherwise discovered. Not a day will ever go by when I won't miss my father, but I am so grateful for the blessing of his life.

With this compassion and experience comes an even greater responsibility. Luke 12:48 tell us "To whom much is given, of him will much be required." As I move forward in my life, it is my hope that I can begin to see other people from two vantage points: theirs and mine. By doing this, I will begin to understand that with my every position or emotion there may be someone else standing at an equally valid, yet possibly opposite point. And that life, for them, has a different hue.

### General Comments:

*Overall I really enjoyed this essay. It was well structured, interesting, and vivid. I could hear your voice very clear and had pictures in my head from your descriptions throughout the piece. The insight you give of the transition you had to make from being the center of the world to caretaker is great, and I didn't get lost at all within the changes. This was a job well done and congratulations for that.*

*The few corrections I made were fairly simple. I changed and flipped some sentences around so that it was easier to understand. I also interchanged a couple word choices because I felt you could get the same feeling or meaning with a different word that fit the sentence better. I thought about tinkering with your structure a little bit but I like the way the story flows and ebbs so I don't change that; it works. One general suggestion I have is making more paragraphs. Some of your passages are big and there a couple natural break points for paragraphs I think you should utilize (example: little pass half way in the third paragraph you talk about seeing through your dad's eyes;... I would change that semi-colon to a period and start a new paragraph).*

*Like I said to start, I really enjoyed this piece and it was very well done. The corrections I made were simple and small because overall, this was a great essay. Good job.*

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Comment [SL18]: I would use "profound" because I think it fits better with the structure of the sentence yet still keeps the meaning you are going for.

Comment [SL19]: Change the comma to a period and add "This triggered...". The sentence is a run-on and I think this is the best place to start a new one.

Comment [SL20]: Change to "a sense of compassion and responsibility in me to those..." This cuts down on the confusion and is structured better.

Comment [SL21]: Flip these two. It flows better.

Comment [SL22]: Not needed.

Comment [SL23]: Use "tells". Noun/verb agreement.

Comment [SL24]: Insert a comma after "us".

Comment [SL25]: Change to "hope", better word selection and shorter.

Comment [SL26]: Change to "every position or emotion I have,..." It flows better and is structured well.



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