

## Postcards

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When do you write postcards? I thought that, so far, I have only used them when I send New Year's cards. Many people may feel tiresome writing postcards and have nowadays turned to e-mail, out of convenience. But, this year, the meaning of postcards changed for me.

My grandmother is now suffering from terminal cancer. My family and I were devastated when we heard the news. One day recently, I received a postcard from my grandmother who is in the hospital. It said "There is no rain which doesn't stop." and there was a painting of a Japanese umbrella and some "geta" which are Japanese wooden sandals. I felt anxious about my junior high school life. But after I received the postcard, my uneasy feelings disappeared. Whenever I receive postcards from her, I'm inspired and I feel she is always close to me. At the same time, I feel sorry for her, because she has been fighting against cancer, but I can't say anything to encourage her.

I was reassured by her words "There is no rain which doesn't stop." Now, come to think of it, the words aren't only for me, but also could be a message for her, to help her own battle against the cancer.

Handwritten postcards have magical powers. This is because, the receiver feels that the sender spent time to make the postcards. Furthermore, the postcard encourages the recipient, who is depressed, over and over again with a thoughtful message. In addition, spending a lot of time making the postcard remains in the creator's memory. For me, the postcards bring me the kind look, voice and feelings of my grandmother, without actually seeing her. Now, I want to begin making my own postcards ...for my grandmother, family, and friends. Why don't you write a handwritten postcard to the person you love?