

KOBE REMEMBRANCE

**Maybe once in a generation
A special athlete comes along
Whose grace flows like poetry
Yet whose spirit fights so strong.
Kobe's passion burned so brightly
To prove he was the all time best
When his teammates didn't work as hard
He would never let them rest.
From early morning workouts
To a late night shoot around
He drove everyone toward greatness
No one was better pound for pound.
As the years just flew right by him
He won five championship rings
Garnering all the fame and accolades
Bestowed upon movie stars and kings.
But as father time pursued him
And took away his youthful prime
He saw his own career was ending
It was someone else's time.
He morphed into a teacher
To give back lessons he had learned
Reminding all who would listen
GREATNESS IS NOT GIVEN, RATHER EARNED!**

**He turned his focus onto others
Helping them to grow and succeed
Providing skillful guidance
For whatever they might need.
A loving father and caring husband
To his daughters and adoring wife
They became the center of his universe
The greatest passion in his life.
Then one foggy Sunday morning
The Black Mamba's life was ripped away
The whole world cascaded into mourning
It can't be true, we all would pray.
But life provides no promises
For how long we each will live
Every day is a precious blessing
To be grateful and forgive.
For Kobe was a cherished soul
Who rests in heaven high above
But his memory will live forever
Inside our hearts and tears of love.**

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