

Two Miles

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Background: In summer 2010 the author enrolled in UP Diliman as a cross-registrant, taking up Physics 71 and Comm 3. This poem describes her commute to the current National Institute of Physics building along C.P. Garcia Avenue, near Katipunan.

From the Academic Oval to the Physics building
Every morning I walk like two miles
And I always get tired and sleepy once I get there
I don't know why I always do sleep in class
But I know these two miles are worth it
So that I can stay fit and believe that I do not grow horizontally.

But what I've learned from these walks
Is that I need to be content with what you have
Especially when there's no TOKI yet
You have to walk these two miles.