

**The Return of My Dreams** by Yulia Endang  
Performed as part of the [Slam Poetry Festival Singapore \(2021\)](#).  
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1. In your opinion, what is this poem about?

I think it's about the speaker's dream to pursue further education. This dream h

2. What do you think the speaker is feeling? What emotions did you hear in the speaker's voice?

She sounds confident and bold, as if she has made up her mind. It doesn't mat

3. Listen to the poem again. Were there any phrases or lines that caught your attention because of the way they sounded?

"You will end up in the kitchen," you said. / But I want to chase my dream," I s

4. If you were to visualise this poem, what images come to mind?

The speaker's gestures as she performs the poem comes to mind. How she n

5. Is there a dream (or interest, or hobby) that you once had, that you hope you can return to at this point in your life?

The university I went to had a woodshop where students could come in and ju

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6. Have you had to sacrifice something important to you? What influenced your decision to make that sacrifice?

I think we all make small sacrifices everyday. Sometimes I sacrifice a bit of alone

7. At the end of the piece, Yulia Endang writes: "I will keep on fighting / Because I know / It is not just about me and my dreams / But about them and their dreams too." Whose dreams do you think Yulia Endang is referring to in the last line? Why do you think their dreams inspire her to keep fighting?

I think she is referring to other women who want to pursue further education b

8. Think of your own hopes and dreams – what keeps them alive, and who are they for?