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## Bridge over troubled water

Good morning, teachers and students. Today, I'd like to share with you a song called "Bridge over troubled water". "Bridge over troubled water" is an American song. It is sung by two famous singers Simon and Garfunkel, and was first released in 1970. This song is often considered the signature song of Simon and Garfunkel.

The lyrics or words of the song "Bridge over troubled water" are as follows:

When you're weary, feeling small,  
When tears are in your eyes,  
I will dry them all  
I'm on your side. When times get rough  
And friends just can't be found  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down.  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down.

When you are down and out,  
When you're on the street,  
When evening falls so hard  
I will comfort you.  
I take your part  
When the darkness comes  
And pain is all around.  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down.

Sail on, silver girl  
Sail on by  
Your time has come to shine  
All your dreams are on their way  
See how they shine

Oh if you need a friend  
I'm sailing right behind  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will ease your mind  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will ease your mind

Boys and girls, I like this song very much. I have three points to share with you.

**Firstly, I have to admit that in reality, we will face troubles, problems worries, difficulties, illness, pain or danger.** We'll be weary. We'll be very tired. We'll have tears. We'll feel small, so small that we can do nothing to change the situation. Trouble and problem are really part of our life.

**My second point is a reminder. Even though you will face a lot of difficulties, you still have a lot of friends and angels around you to offer you help.** When you're weary, feeling small, when tears are in your eyes, your friends and angels will dry them all. They are on your side. When times get rough, your friends and angels will lie down like a bridge over troubled water to help you and protect you. Who are these friends and angels? Boys and girls, they are your parents. They are your classmates. They are your teachers. They are beside you and ready to offer you help and assistance. You are not alone. When darkness comes and difficulties are all around, remember that you still have a lot of angels around you. Be positive and optimistic.

**Thirdly, may I remind you one more time, even though you will face a lot of difficulties, Jesus is beside you and ready to offer you help.** When you're weary, feeling small, when tears are in your eyes, Jesus will dry them all. Jesus is on your side. When times get rough, Jesus will lie down like a bridge over troubled water to help you and protect you. As Bible Philippians Chapter 4 Verses 6-7 say, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (應當一無罣慮、只要凡事藉著禱告、祈求、和感謝、將你們所要的告訴神。神所賜

出人意外的平安、必在基督耶穌裡、保守你們的心懷意念。) Boys and girls, when you are down and out, when evening falls so hard, Jesus will comfort you. When pain is all around, Jesus will lay himself down like a bridge over troubled water to protect you. So be positive and optimistic.

In conclusion, even though we will definitely face a lot of trouble and problems, be positive and optimistic, because Jesus, our parents, our classmates and teachers are beside us and ready to offer help.