When I was 11 years old, I hated school. I didn't like studying. I didn't like sports. On top of all that, other students had begun bullying me.

Every day, they ignored me, and made me feel left out. When I look back at my time in elementary school, all I can recall are those bad memories. It was like a nightmare for me. I felt very isolated.   I sometimes thought about quitting school. I was very lonely.

Yo. My alarm is ringing, the birds are singing. And the same day is startin'

I took my breakfast. I watched the forecast.

And it's 8 o'clock. I'm gonna be late for school yeah, but I don't care.   'Cause I don't wanna be there.

I wanna stay in my room. And play games on my phone. I just wanna be alone….

Maybe I could have a fine day at school if I was in the past.

But if I think about this it will last forever. Whatever, I'll just have to keep myself together.

I wish this life wouldn't last forever.

I apologize for rapping all of a sudden. I wrote this by myself. Rap actually changed my life. It helped me forget about the bad things that were going on at school. I started writing rap on my own after I discovered a famous rapper, Eminem, while I was watching youtube one day. When I first saw him, I liked his energy while he was performing. I thought that rap, and also Eminem, were very cool. So, from that day, I started making my own rap. At first, it was very difficult. I had no idea where to start. The first time I tried, it took so long. But, after a lot of practice, I got pretty used to it.

The good thing about rap is that I could get rid of all the stress I had at school. I had something that I could do, a skill that set me apart from other people. It made me feel proud of myself. So I wrote often. Day by day, making rap became a hobby. So, I decided to perform my rap in front of people at Miyazaki University.   I got really nervous. I couldn't help thinking about how maybe the audience wouldn't like my rap and say cruel things to me. What if they disliked me? But before I knew it, everybody gave me a round of applause and were cheering. It was unreal.

I thought my life changed from hell to heaven. From that day, school wasn't as stressful for me, even if everybody ignored me or said cruel things and bullied me. Because now I found something to live for. In the end, I thought about how no matter how bad it is, you can change anything. You just need the guts and something to believe in.

By challenging myself, I was able to find a new version of me. I was able to find something that not only made me better, but that was also fun. From now on, I'm going to continue to challenge myself as much as I can for my life development.

In middle school, I've made a lot of friends, and I'm enjoying the basketball club.   So I'm having a really good time at school.

I worked hard to catch up with you.   So that I had a lot of things to do.

And now look at me, I'm standing on this stage in front of you guys.   And I'm not tellin you lies.

'Cause my life became like a blue sky.   It's wide and high to fly and no cryin'.

Then my sight was dark like the night, but now it's bright 'cause you guys are my light.