

Water Under the Bridge

A boy leaned against the railing of a bridge and watched the current of the river below.

Sometimes, the current went more swiftly and, again, quite slowly, but always the river flowed under the bridge.



Watching the river that day, the boy made a discovery. It was not the discovery of a material thing, something he could put his hand upon. He could not even see it.

He had discovered an idea. Quite suddenly, and yet quietly, he knew that everything in his life would someday pass under the bridge and be gone like the water.

He didn't worry about his mistakes after that. He certainly didn't let them get him down, because it was water under the bridge.

It is often said that the past is but a prologue to the future. And that is true. Experience is the best teacher; therefore, we should concentrate on the present and the future because the journey that has brought us to this point has prepared us for what lies ahead. That means putting mistakes behind us, not letting them drag us down.

We should be better persons for what life has brought us – the good times and the bad. The years to come, then, look brighter, indeed.

– Beecher Hunter