**The Person I Have Become**

**Family and friends, thank you for joining**

 **us in celebrating my high school graduation.**

**Some of you have known me since birth.**

**and others see me on numerous occasions.**

**One way or another you have played an**

**important role in making me feel secure.**

**And because you are here, than you**

**must be very special people, for sure.**

**Now just because I have graduated,**

**doesn't mean I want you to quit.**

**I will still need to have a soft place to land,**

**people to keep the light of encouragement lit.**

**Because I'll be facing different kinds**

 **of challenges, support I will still need.**

**And prayers, I can't forget those. They will**

 **be what will keep me strong when I lead.**

**God has given me many gifts, that**

**I am not afraid to share with others.**

**And I appreciate what I have and who**

**gave them to me? My wonderful mother.**

**She made my journey easier, provided**

 **a home where everyone was welcomed.**

**And family and friends, like you, who played**

 **a role as to the person I have become.**

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