The Leader in Us All *Kadee Jo Jones*

What defines a leader, in today's day and time? Can it be described in simple word or rhyme? Or is it defined by action, taken to add value to someone's life? Or to diffuse a situation, in this world of toil and strife? Are a leader's actions big or small, or are they measured by the way That they touch someone else's heart, or brighten someone's day? Does a leader take the credit where credit is often due? Or do they stay unnoticed, and attention hardly drew? Does a leader only do the work when they feel it is convenient? Or are they always looking to help, because they are both loving and lenient? Let me tell you a secret, about what the word "Leader" really means Because it's not what society makes it, or as seen on movie screens A leader is only looking to make the world a better place To help the lives of others, with dignity and grace A leader's actions may be big or small when seen on chart But the only thing that matters is that their actions come straight from the heart

A leader usually goes unnoticed, seeking not to take the fame But instead to seek the happiness that serving brings the same

A leader doesn't do the work just when they feel the need

Rather they are always helping, and serving to take the lead

You see when it comes to defining a leader, there is a fact that will always remain

And it's a fact that a real leader helps others understand, apply, and retain

The fact is that being a leader isn't an exclusive club or fame It's not a "One size only" brand or "Winner takes All" game There is no algorithm or equation to doing a leader's work Rather, leadership is in us all, like a trait and little quirk But the decision still remains whether you decide to be The leader that the world looks up to, and very often needs It's up to you to take the lead, to make changes great and small And when you do, a flame ignites, and you inspire the leader in us all.