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Hola Antonio

Que sorpresa!

So you really are in Italia, huh? Heard it's beautiful over there. Never been there, but I've seen the Godfather. Ha! just kidding.

I appreciate your feedback. Really.

Glad you pointed out the "appropriate comparisons," I am trying to work on metaphors and comparative poetry. The resources we have in this place are very limited, however, I recently came in contact with a book called Edgar Allan Poe - selected Poems and Tales, and, trust me, it's been harder to read than I thought. But it's been very helpful. Sonia Sanchez is one of my favorite Poets because I can understand and relate to her poetry. But poets like Allan Poe? ... well I'll just keep reading until I can fully grasp what it is he is trying to say. Basically I'm self-taught. So when people such as yourself point out certain things I might be doing right I truly, truly appreciate it.

You know being in a cold cell is rough. Some people become helpless, weak, until they lose all hope. But I try to find things to keep myself strong. Like when I think about those three women in Ohio who were kidnapped at a young age and were kept in a cell, basically, for 10 years plus, it makes me feel thankful for the little things I do get. To go to school everyday to help other guys; I can pick up



a book from the library and read; I can pick up the phone & call my family whenever I can, write them; I can enjoy the sunshine every now and then. Those women could do none of that. So if they held on and kept hope alive under those circumstances, I believe I can make it in this place. I just count my blessings and thank God for every day that I'm alive.

I'ma change the subject now. I think your English is great. Really. I don't know how long you've been practicing but it's pretty good. Now if you think it's difficult for an Italian to speak English properly imagine a Mexican! Took me a while but I got it. Eventually you will get it too. Thank you for everything.

Peace and Blessings.

P.S

'Preciate you sharing your name.

Italian guy who? ... Now I know.

Jesus Andrade.