

Song Title: The Tale of Kelly and the Dental Genie

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Brief Description:

This song is a story about a girl named Kelly, who was living her day-by-day life self-consciously and miserably. The song reflects on how much esthetic dental anomalies could severely affect a person's quality of life – mainly revolving around how one is perceived and treated by other people and also how one perceives and treats oneself due to the condition of their own teeth. It also portrays how bad teeth condition could result in significant psychological and physical damage. This song, therefore, reinforces the importance of implementing good dental and oral maintenance on a daily basis and also promotes how dentists, especially prosthodontists, could elevate a person's beauty by personalizing proper prosthodontic services for him/her.

*** recommendation: do listen to the recording with earphones for better quality & sing along!***

Lyrics:

Once there was a pretty girl who goes by the name Kelly
And she never really smiles cause she's dealing with cavity
Her teeth is black and yellow and her breath a little smelly
Her friends would always bully her and call her face ugly

She's living her days trying best not to smile
Cause once she shows her teeth, people step back a mile
She felt worthless, and depressed, and she started to hate herself

But then came a dental genie, she told her not to worry
She brought her to the prosthodontist who gave her various treatment choices she could freely choose from
The doctor also told her a few procedures for her to maintain good oral hygiene
By brushing her teeth the correct way and using mouthwash afterwards for rinsing routinely
Crowns, bridges, dental implants, and fillings, each have different results and proceedings
She chose tooth colored fillings, got her teeth done in a jiffy
And, woohooohooooo, she looked in the mirror never felt so happy
Now, she could finally smile with full confidence, each day seems to have become so much different

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Now stands tall a pretty girl who goes by the name Kelly
And she isn't insecure no more and proudly smiles widely
Her teeth is bright and shiny and her breath no longer smelly
Everyone looks up to her thinking "how is she so confident and pretty!"

Everyone can be like Kelly too
Prosthodontic treatment's here to save you
No more lack of self-esteem,
We all can smile brightly now

I had a truly wonderful and fruitful time throughout this course. It made me gain a wide array of new interesting insights on a sector that I never thought I would be able to study anymore in university, considering the fact that I am an International Business and Global Management major student. Additionally, I really liked how the course didn't only focus on the dentistry-specific terms and studies but also incorporated various other studies as well including psychological, historical, general studies, and many more. I also feel like it made me view a lot of things in a different way compared to before I took the course. Like the little things, about how gap teeth is considered as "lucky teeth" which is a sign of beauty in France, and also how I know what it means now when my dentist writes random numbers on the paper – which turns out to be it's how they name-out a specific tooth by using the FDI World Dental Federation numbering system. These are a few of the many pieces of knowledge that I would never have encountered if I didn't take this course. However, not only that, I also feel like the course is very positive and refreshing. Despite it being virtual this semester, it was still able to make me highly anticipate the specific day of the week just to participate in the class.

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*Best,
Elsa*