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People are always saying, "Thank you. Thank Goodness! I'm so grateful." I often wonder are they really thinking about what they're so thankful for and what their lives would be like without it. Picture this. ... A child wandering through the streets. In the dead of winter. Clothes that are grimy and worn. Pains in their stomach from starvation, and lips dry, cracked from dehydration. His skin as pale as snow. Worst of all ... no family to keep him company. Their only thoughts being warmth, food, water, and shelter in where they can rest their weary and exhausted bones. His only emotions are terrified, and lonely. How would you feel if this was you? This would be life without things you need and the things you want. This would be my life if I wasn't blessed.

Without a roof over my head, I wouldn't be alive. Hurricane Sandy in 2012 killed many innocent people. If

it weren't for shelter, more would have perished in our neighborhood. So that's the first thing on my list. I'm one of those lucky kids who was born into a caring and loving family. One that works hard to provide me with a safe and happy home. They always make sure that I feel good about myself and that I know how much I'm loved. Also, if I didn't have friends, I don't know if I'd be more sad, or miserable. My friends always make sure I'm always laughing and having a good time. Especially when we play sports (football, basketball, soccer, ect). Without my best friend, Sean, I would be lost. I mean physically lost in the school. Its great to have someone that understands me the way he does.

Being with my friends isn't the only way I know how to enjoy myself. I'm also lucky to have been blessed with a gifts of creativity and artistic talent. It allows me to put my ideas down on the paper. Then, I used these gifts to bring happiness to others. Like birthday cards of "get

better" pictures. I also entertain others with creative writings like the one you're witnessing right now. I am always going to be incredibly appreciative to God, whom gave me these wonderful gifts.

I have plenty of things I posses that I'm fortunate to have. This might take a few paragraphs up. For starters, my beautiful, beautiful, baby. My iPad Air. I can do so much on it. Playing games is my favorite. However, its Full HD screen to film movies on and then post on Utube it's amazingly amazing! The ultimate form of entertainment! Then, just when I think it doesn't get any better I get My MacBookPro laptop. Okay. That is just 10 times better and more supreme than the iPad Air. They're both electronically superior items in my life. I'm also thankful for my TV. Duh. I can't watch the Superbowl without it! So I guess technology is truly what I can't live without. Technology makes my life much easier, and a lot more fun!

So Thanksgiving isn't only about a big appetite, turkeys, the Pilgrims, and the Natives. It's about taking a day to realize that you have all the things you have for a reason, and to take that moment to be thankful for every last one of those things. All in all, Family goes at the top of my list. I love my mom, dad, brother, sister, and I can go on forever (my family's so big) knowing I have all these wonderful things, makes me confident that I will have a happy, safe, and healthy life.

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