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I've been guided, misguided, treated, abused,
Isolated, pressured, taught to improve.
Always, constantly pushed to achieve,
Pushed to believe,
That potential has not been reached,
My pinnacle of excellence has not been touched.

Learn quicker, work harder, think better.
Depend on no one; accept the worst and most
difficult obstacles.
Strive to achieve all the time,
Time is too short to sit back and breathe,
So I grit my teeth and believe
That there is more to me,
More to achieve.

And just as I think I can do no more,
I am forced to dig deeper, faster, stronger.
Forced to find what lies beneath;
Pick it up,
Grip it tightly,
Stare at it face-to-face and eye-to-eye.
Whatever it is, whatever the task, whatever the
challenge,
I owe it to myself,
I owe it to the world,
To take this thing, this barrier, this impediment,
Crush it with the sole of my shoe,
And Achieve.