

## Transition Poem

(to show change in a main character from a novel)

### Joey Gibbs from The 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Crusaders

I used to be a hood, but now I'm a member of the basketball team.

I used to be a follower, but now I can stand up to Hank if I think he's wrong.

I used to be defiant, but now I can joke with my pop.

I used to be a liar, but now I can tell the truth to Judge Meridith.

I used to be belligerent with Marge, but now I've learned that my sister hasn't had an easy life.

I used to be rebellious, but now I've learned to work together with my teammates on the Crusaders.

I used to be discouraged about school, but now I can talk to Miss Loon, my algebra teacher.

I used to be a law breaker, but now I'm helping the Little Crusaders get a break and stay out of trouble.

I used to be cruel when I teased Mr. Hayes, but now I defend Miss Lattimore even when she made the uniforms with Crusaders on them instead of Pirates.

I used to be careless, but now Rev. Gilson relies on me to take care of the church furnace.