

Much Stronger than You Think

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You may be deceived at first
At how much a bamboo tree is worth.
It looks thin and frail as a chopstick,
But it really is much stronger than you think!

A bamboo tree is a graceful dancer.
A bamboo tree is a great defender.
A bamboo tree is like rubber.
A bamboo tree is like father.

See the bamboo tree sway where the wind blows.
Witness the bamboo tree bend up to its toes.
Can other trees do this?
Oh no! I don't think so!

Is it strong and useful to man?
Yes, you can use it in as many ways as you can!
It symbolizes a race, this we should know,
Because a bamboo is as resilient as Filipinos.

– The Greenery, 2015

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