

A poem for Dame Ivy Dumont,
First Female Governor General
Of The Commonwealth of The
Bahamas
Entitled, "A Familiar Walk",
Written By; Mr. Mario Newry Jr.,
December 2005

I took a familiar walk today – A walk that made me reflect upon Jonah in today's first reading... During this walk, I consider Dame Ivy Dumont like Jonah, A messenger of God to the world today.

I took a familiar walk today – A walk that allowed me to stop and smell the roses of life; I refer to the roses of love and humility – gifts that Dame Ivy Dumont expresses to one and all... I am positive the origin of this rose is Roses, Long Island.

I took a familiar walk today – A walk that reminds me of the importance of family... Dame Ivy Dumont's final thought in an interview with yours truly, focuses on family... All of the appointments, especially being appointed the First Female Governor General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, are as equally important to Dame Ivy Dumont as family. And as she said, "Family builds communities and communities build Nations.

I took a familiar walk today. To many this walk may be considered an encomium, but actually, it is a simple fact of life through the eyes of a son of the soil... enjoying this journey of life because of a beautiful lady named Dame Ivy Dumont. Dame Ivy, you have shown in action that this journey is better spent doing for others than for self.

I took a familiar walk today... A walk that inspires me to be a channel of peace; this channel is evident in the life and times of Dame Ivy Dumont.

Finally, my familiar walk rests upon the fact that, every life is a profession of faith, and exercises an inevitable and silent influence.

Thank you Dame Ivy Dumont for all that you have done for The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

God bless you with good health, a good day today, a better day tomorrow, and his special blessings always!

On behalf of a grateful nation,
Mr. Mario A. Newry Jr.