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75 YEARS

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INTRODUCTION

“Art isn’t just a painting or a poem. It is a vehicle that forces us to see things from a different perspective.”

— Joshua Lewis, Age 18, Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

“Poetry isn’t just a form of writing, it’s an emotional outlet for those who desire closure. It’s the closest to a way out.”

— Nubia Livermore, Age 14, Douglas County Boys & Girls Club

We are deeply thankful for your support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta. As one of the nation’s largest Boys & Girls Club organizations, BGCMA’s mission is to save and change the lives of children and teens, especially those who need us most, by providing a safe, positive and engaging environment and programs that prepare and inspire them to achieve Great Futures.

Through 24 Clubs in 10 metro Atlanta counties, our trained, professional staff works with nearly 4,000 kids and teens each day. We focus on three core areas - academic success, healthy lifestyles and character and leadership development – and work to build programs that are fun, interactive and memorable for our youth.

Thanks for your support! Because of you, young artists like Joshua and Nubia, are one step closer to realizing their full potential.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & CEO MISSY DUGAN

As we celebrate a momentous anniversary this year, I can not express how humbled I am to be part of an organization that has shaped so many young lives. BGCMA is a leader in youth development now and has been for the past 75 years.

With your help, we have positively influenced hundreds of thousands of kids and teens, preparing them for great futures. We provide opportunity to the

youth who need us most, helping them to live healthy lifestyles, achieve academically and give back.

By helping youth discover and develop their potential, we are also strengthening communities in and around our city, making them safer, healthier and more productive places to live and work.

Through programs like Marel Brown Creative Writing, we create a love for learning that we hope will last a lifetime. We invest time and energy to make our Clubs fun and inspiring...a place where youth want to spend their afternoons and evenings. We know by giving our kids and teens a voice, they will learn, grow and look forward to coming back.

Many of you are already part of our story. For those who are new to our cause, we invite you to find a Club in your area and come out for a tour this year. To truly understand the mission of our organization, you have to meet the wonderful kids and staff that make our organization great.

Thanks again for your commitment to shaping young lives and building GREAT FUTURES.



MAREL BROWN

Long before the members of BGCMA were born, Mrs. Margaret Snow Brown, affectionately known as Marel Brown, planted the seeds of reading and writing into their lives. Acclaimed writer of inspirational poetry, short stories and articles, Mrs. Brown recognized the need for arts education in the community.

In 1984, she established the annual poetry and short story program known today as the Marel Brown Creative Writing program. To date, this program has impacted thousands of Boys & Girls Club members and graced the eyes, ears, minds and hearts of tens of thousands of readers.

The Marel Brown Creating Writing program is an important part of BGCMA’s broader academic success strategy. We recognize writing is an outlet for creative expression and talent, as well as a fun way to learn more about language including grammar and spelling. This program encourages and supports self-expression through writing, performance and friendly competition.

WAYS TO GIVE

Financial contributions allow BGCMA to keep its doors open to our local youth. BGCMA asks our parents to pay membership fees of only \$35 per child per school year, though it cost our organization nearly \$4,000. No child is excluded due to inability to pay.

Contributions by generous companies, organizations, foundations and individuals like you are an essential lifeline for the youth and artists we serve.

You can open doors to youth in and around Atlanta through:

- Financial Contributions - Donate online at www.bgcma.org, mail a check, or even set up monthly payments through your debit or credit card.
- Planned Giving – Give through bequests and wills, gifts of stock or real estate, gift annuities, etc.
- In-kind Donations – Donate gently used computers, books, sports items, and more.
- Volunteering - Help with homework, coach a sporting team or join young professional's social networking group- Club Blue.
- Partnering with BGCMA – Contact our resource development department to find out how you can partner with our organization.

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AGES

6-9



Deidra Jonson, Age 8
Summer Music
 Center for a New Generation at Connally Elementary

OH, MY SUNFLOWER

Kennedi Heard, Age 9
 A.R. "Gus" Barksdale Boys & Girls Club

You are my sunflower that blooms on a sunny day.
 You are my sunflower.
 What is a sunflower?
 You are my sunflower.
 I love the way it shines in the sun.
 Oh, my sunflower
 It's sweet as a bundle of joy.
 Oh, my sunflower.
 The bees like it because it makes the sweetest honey.
 Hummingbirds like it because it has sweet nectar.
 I see it differently than others because it's so beautiful.
 Oh, my sunflower.

DO ALLEY CATS GO TO ALLEY CAT SCHOOL?

Tiara Mitchell, Age 8
 A.R. "Gus" Barksdale Boys & Girls Club

Do Alley cats go to alley cat school?
 Where they learn how to slink and stay out of sight
 Where they learn how to find warm and comfortable
 places on a cold wintry night
 Do they learn from a teacher and book?
 Did they all go to alley cat school?
 Is that what they do?

MY MOMMY AND ME

Emilyce Radcliff, Age 6
Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

My roses are red and
Your violets are blue
I want you to know that I love you.
I love you in the morning
I love you at night
My mommy and me are all we got
She's my heart and
I'm her soul
I love you dearly
My one and only mommy

FALL

Kaira Marcos, Ages 9
Malon D. Mimms Boys & Girls Club

Fall is a great.
Its colors are wonderful
Brown, yellow, and red are everywhere
The weather is warm and nice.
Leaves are on the ground.
Autumn's wonderful wind blows all the leaves around
Fall brings colors to the world.
It's great leaves bring colors and beauty to the Earth.

I'M HER SOUL



Maranda Spikes, Age 8
The Beautiful Flower
George Washington Carver Boys & Girls Club



TOP
Aaliyah Ridley, Age 9
Heart Face
 Carroll County Boys & Girls Club



BOTTOM
Shanya Smith, Age 8
A Beautiful Day in the Park
 A.Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

CHRISTMAS DAY

Alikah Parker, Age 8
 Center for a New Generation Boys & Girls Club

Hey funny you should ask
 Can you hear it?
 It's such a sweet sound
 I think its Christmas spirit.

Then snow is falling so fast
 And it's pure white
 I have to bundle up
 And cross my fingers tight.

I know someone is coming
 So I make a wish
 I think I know who it is
 So I'll just write him a Christmas list.

As soon as I close my eyes
 I heard a joyful sound
 I think someone is at my chimney
 Carrying something special for me.

My imagination is running wild
 So I need to go to sleep
 I wake up bright and early
 And gorgeous gifts are under the tree.

I gave you lots of hints
 That gift should be on its way. Hope you're ready
 Oh yeah, it's Christmas Day!

I LOVE RHYMES!

Kameron Royal, Age 8

Joseph B. Whitehead Boys & Girls Club

I love limes. It rhymes with dimes. Dimes are silver. Silver rhymes with liver. Liver is soft. Soft rhymes with moth. Moth is a bug.

Bugs rhymes with mugs. Mugs carry coffee. Coffee rhymes with toffee. Toffee is a candy. Candy rhymes with tammy. Tammy is a name. Name rhymes with lame. Lame is the way you're born.

Born rhymes with corn. Corn is yellow like a bumblebee. Come on and say rhymes with me because I love RHYMES.

FOOTBALL

Derrick Boswell, Age 9

East DeKalb Boys & Girls Club

Fun it is
Offense I play
Offense I love
Team Work!!
Boswell is on the back of my jersey
Awesome I am
Lose we don't
Losers we aren't



Seanna Balmer, Age 6

On the Wire

A.Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club



Myles Ford, Age 7
Through My Eyes
 East DeKalb Club Boys & Girls Club

LIFE DOESN'T SCARE ME AT ALL

Kayla Clark, Age 9
 Douglas County Boys & Girls Club

Blood on the wall
 Killers in the mall
 Life doesn't scare me at all.

People fighting during night
 So, please hold me tight
 Life doesn't scare me at all.

Told on mother goose
 Big lions are on the loose
 Life doesn't scare me at all.

PLEASE
HOLD ME
TIGHT

ALLY

Antaneshia Elam & Sydney Williams, Ages 7 & 8
A. Worley Brown Club Boys & Girls Club

Help, there's an...
Alligator name Ally
Beat boxing to the sound of
Crazy cats crying and
Dinosaurs fighting tough
Elephants name Ed and Eddy.
First, Ally had to eat
Giant green grapes
Hunting for more while
Ice was melting.
Jumping back and forth
Kicking them towards the fight
Lion's roaring at
Monkeys swinging through the trees
Noises flying through the air
Octopus breaking the ice
Pink panthers running through the hall
Questions are answered
Roaming for food
Snakes slithering through the grass
T Rex crowded with people
Use computers everyday
Virginia's secret is out
Why did the chicken cross the road?
X-rays are changing people's heart
Yo-yos are rolling through the gym
Zebras race across the sun



ABOVE
Group Project, Ages 8–11
Village People
Center for a New Generation
at Connally Elementary



Kenyatta Lakes, Age 9
Rick Rozay
Center for Hope – Thomasville
Boys & Girls Club



Madison Jones, Age 8
Hmong People Are Smart
 A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club



RAIN

Eden Glenn, Age 10

A.R. "Gus" Barksdale Boys & Girls Club

We look outside the apartment window.
Businessmen were running with books and briefcases on their heads,
Trying to avoid the hard drops from the sky.
Mothers were holding umbrellas
While children jumped into small puddles.
We notice the little droplets on the window.
The car lights reflected off them,
Looking like twinkling stars in the night.
But, only with a pitter-patter sound.
Drip-drop, drip-drop, drip-drop.

RAINBOW

Atiim Butler, Age 12

Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club

Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue
How does that make a difference between me and you?
One likes both genders
The other one likes one
If you think about it they both have the same love
A good example is high-school
They always say "Oh my God she's so Les or Oh my God he's so Gay!"
So what if they kiss the same gender, does it matter?
When you make fun of them it makes their hearts shatter
I love gay people because they make me laugh and when I feel lonely
give me a blast
The bible says everyone is wonderfully and beautifully made
Because everyone has their different shades
People who hate gay people I wish they could just flee
Homosexuals do me a favor and just say,
DON'T JUDGE ME!



Zaria Sellers, Age 12

Woman of Sorrow

Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club



ABOVE
Sanchez Jones, Age 11
My Own Gabba
Center for Hope—Thomasville
Boys & Girls Club



Simone Smith, Age 11
Fantasia
Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club

MY TONGUE IS TASTING TERRIBLE

Brian Chesnokov, Age 11
East DeKalb Boys & Girls Club

My tongue tastes terrible
I can't imagine why
For breakfast I had platypus eggs,
Chicken liver pie, porcupine feet on rye,
Octopus chocolate bar

My tongue tastes terrible
I can't imagine why
For lunch I had
Cheetah paw biscuit,
Bat wing pudding,
X-ray tetra head on grits,
Snapping turtle cupcake
My tongue tastes terrible
I can't imagine why

For dinner I had
Squirrel monkey tail on meat,
Spider monkey eyes on hamburgers,
Rattlesnake cheese, and for desert
Komodo dragon fries
My tongue tastes terrible
I can't imagine why.

THE GARDEN

Zharia Tucker, Age 10
A.R. "Gus" Barksdale Boys & Girls Club

As the flowers kissed the showers,
The grass seemed to have a blast!
It makes a soft, warm, breeze
I can feel the vibrant colors:
Red, gold, orange, purple, royal blue
In the morning, the birds sing "How do you do?"
As the birds sing in a high voice,
I fly away!

WINTER

Lloren Sullivan, Age 11
A. W. Tony Matthews Boys & Girls Club

Winter...
The icy cold wind on my cheeks
Snow...
Like a cold, ice coat, clothing the Earth.
The woods are silent,
No animals in sight.

I wonder what it's like at night.
When the stars are bright,
Walking to my cabin
Again no animal in sight.
Winter, Winter
It's time to say good night.

MAKES ME WANT TO SCREAM

Tai Collier, Age 11
Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

I hate when people tell me I'm not going anywhere.
It seems like the support from my dad just isn't there.

My grades upset me when I get less than a "B"
Imagine what I would feel if I got a "C."

My mom pressures me so much I want to scream.
My dad didn't even remember my birthday, guess dads are only good on TV.

ICY COLD
WIND



ABOVE
Dylan McQueen, Age 12
Three Braves
Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club



Kimberly Tatum, Age 12
Missing Piece
East DeKalb Boys & Girls Club



Rodney Strozer, Age 10
Hugging Trees
 Jesse Draper Boys & Girls Club

WINTER STIMULUS

Chandler Jones, Age 12
 George Washington Carver Boys & Girls Club

Winter comes as fall shall go
 I touch the morning dew
 As the sun begins to glow
 Brown and orange leaves cover the grass in heaps
 They crunch and rustle when you walk
 See the fog from your breath when you talk

Bare trees are only what's spare to see
 Then the bright sun warms with ease
 All of this and more to come
 Winter shall stay for at least three months
 And soon all you'll see will be cold fronts!

The Christmas songs I always hear
 Are filled with ardor and great cheer
 Closer to the end, the New Year will begin
 Self-improvements we all look for within
 As everyone's year starts over again

Although it's very cold
 Busy bodies will tend to be bold
 Ice skating and skiing will never get old
 Winter is over, spring and summer will show
 Then we're back again
 Winter comes as fall shall go.

PROMISE

Dariana Price, Age 8
 Center for Hope – Thomasville Boys & Girls Club

I am the nicest student in my class.
 I come clean and dressed for success.
 I spend extra time doing my homework.
 I have to try my best.
 I want to get straight As.
 And be the best I can Be.
 Because I am a Promise and a Possibility.

A FRAGILE HEART

Saroya Epperson, Age 11
Paulding County Boys & Girls Club

The things I do in life,
My mom tells me to think twice.
I love my friends but sometimes they give me bad advice,
Just like my childhood flying a paper knife.
Mean people hurt the pain I'm in
It happens now and then
Sometimes I wish to start my life again.
Things in life are hard to do,
Teachers yell at me too.
I have a fragile heart
I know that I'm extremely smart.
I try to stay strong most of the time,
But I'm a human too
I'm not made of stone, but of glass
I have a fragile heart
But I know these feelings won't last.

BREATHE IN, BREATHE OUT

Sharonda Alexander, Age 12
Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

Breathe in hatred
Breathe out love
Breathe in the ones who died
Breathe out the ones that are alive
Breathe in your enemies
Breathe out your friends
Breathe in karma
Breathe out jokes
Breathe in hugs
Breathe in death
Breathe out eternal life



Jequilla Boyce, Age 12
Mysterious Elmo
East DeKalb Boys & Girls Club



Christopher Brown, Age 11
Surprise
 Jesse Draper Boys & Girls Club

SOCIETY

Shanesha Caldwell, Age 12
 Carroll County Boys & Girls Club

Society doesn't decide your fate
 Everybody is judging
 And you say, what's wrong with me
 And then you doubt yourself
 Wondering how to please society
 The clothes you wear the way you look
 The truth is you can never please society
 So stop trying
 Stop killing yourself young people stop suicide
 Some people are dying to be in your position
 Stop all of the crying
 Then you're lying saying I'm fine
 When you know you're not
 And that's not the truth
 So next time someone calls you something, say that's not my name
 Or if they say you're worthless, say
 No I was once coal but now I am diamond
 And today if you learn nothing from me
 Remember
 Society doesn't decide your fate

BAD APPLE

Eden Glenn, Age 10
 A.R. "Gus" Barksdale Boys & Girls Club

Ever on and on,
 I continue circling
 With nothing,
 But my hate on a carousel of agony.
 Slowly, I forget that my heart starts vanishing, and
 Suddenly I see that I can't break free.
 I'm slipping through the crack of a dark eternity
 With nothing,
 But my pain on a carousel of agony.

BULLYING

Camille Hatcher, Age 12
Marietta 6th Grade Academy Boys & Girls Club

Fat, easy, nerd
We all have feelings
We all have a beating heart

Stupid, crazy, ugly
People are not stupid, they are just not as good as you
No one's crazy, they are who they are
No one's ugly, everyone's beautiful in their own way

Physical bullying
Verbal bullying
and cyber bullying

Physical bullying scares
Words hurt
Cyber bullying kills

ARE YOU GOING TO STOP IT?

PLEASE SPEAK UP!

Alonah Watson, Age 10
Michael A. Grant Boys & Girls Club

The reason why you're calling
I have no idea
And about that car you're driving
I thought you said it was broken?
But I'm tired of the lies and I'm tired of the cries
If I wasn't what you wanted that's all you had to say
But I'm telling you one thing
I'll speak up for the both of us -
I'm done!



Dylan McClean, Age 11
Falling
Jesse Draper Boys & Girls Club



De'Srial Henderson, Age 10
Flowers
 Newnan/Cowetta Boys & Girls Club

HATERS

Ahkeelah Lindo, Age 12
 Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

I feel mad but still kinda sad
 Bet all my haters up here feel kinda glad.
 Bragging about all the things I never had.
 Walking around thinking they're bad.
 And after the fight they talk behind your back.
 They're a pain in the bum like sitting on a tack.
 All I tell them that nobody has time for all that.

FIRE

Kierra Britt, Age 12
 Newnan/Coweta Boys & Girls Club

Water came out my eyes
 Then I realized, the tears came from all the fire inside
 Wondering what the hate was about I found out
 From all the hurt and sorrow came
 Just because all the words they say
 They try to bring me down but I just look the other way
 Why, why let them hurt me, so I say no more no way
 So I stand up and speak up
 They will not bring me down today

TRUE LOVE

Rikeya Chappel, Age 10
 Center for a New Generation Boys & Girls Club

I just want you to know you mean the world to me
 Only a heart as dear as yours would give unselfishly
 The main things you've done all the time for me
 Shows how you really care and love so deeply
 I am richly blessed to know true love and see
 How a mother loves a child like you love me

SOMEONE ADOPT ME

Janelle Booker, Age 10

A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

Someone, someone, please adopt me.
I have no one to love me,
I have no owners to love me,
The way I want to be loved.
Every owner I've had has mistreated me.
I've been beaten and almost starved to death.
I have a scar on my lower back from being hit.

Someone, someone, please adopt me.
Sign the adoption papers and love me.
Please, someone love me!
No one is too young or too old to love me.
Why me?

Someone, someone, please love me.
I want to be able to smell the fresh air of the world.
I just want someone to cuddle with.
I also would love to play Frisbee.
I see animals come and go.
But me, I never go without being mistreated.

Someone just please want me.
I don't even care if you're mentally disordered.
I just want someone to love me.
Please, love me.
I've seen dogs die and born every day.
I don't want to die with no one to love me.
The only thing I want...is to be loved.
Love me someone...
Please!

Someone please adopt me.
I don't even have family members to love me.
I bet if my chew toy were alive,
It would love me.



Azariah Nash, Age 11

Mask

Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

Love me someone, PLEASE!
I have no friends to love me.
I want to be able to chase my tail,
Without being afraid.
I want to be able to run in the park,
And play with friends.

One day I'll be adopted.
I just know...
Someone will love me.

Forever, shall I'll be lonely.
Die alone...
Adopt me please!
Or should I have no one?

No one shall ever love me.
Love me...
Please?



Dynasty Jackson, Age 10
Two Faces
 Paulding County Boys & Girls Club

THE PAINFUL TRUTH

Jahnya Baker, Age 10
 East DeKalb Boys & Girls Club

The painful truth is not all you expect
 But it's something that you need for you to know what's next
 You never know what can happen
 But it's something that you know is right
 You might cry, pout, and even runaway
 But that doesn't do anything to make the pain go away.

SCHOOL

Mikya Howell, Age 10
 Center for Hope – Thomasville Boys & Girls Club

Round of applause if you have your homework (clap, clap)
 We don't do cheating, so do your own homework
 Now let me see you learn it
 Make the highest scores and learn it
 Got my pen, got my pad, got my book bag
 And I'm super fresh
 About to go to class
 Yes I love my school; how about you
 I make A's and B's; there are no C's over here
 I'm in the fifth grade, and I'm trying to keep going
 School is cool, so you know I'm not a fool

SCIENCE

Amber Harris, Age 11
 W.W. Woolfolk Boys & Girls Club

Thinking, hypothesizing,
 Experimenting, testing,
 Recording, cracking, changing,
 Talking, writing, studying,
 Making,
 Interpreting, inferring, instructing,
 Intoxicating,
 Science.

LOVE

Sarah Mayes, Age 10
Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

Love is a thing that is in your heart.
Love is a thing that will make a mark.
People think it's not important; they don't really care.
But love comes with you everywhere.
Love is a thing that's in your heart
Love is where all things should start.

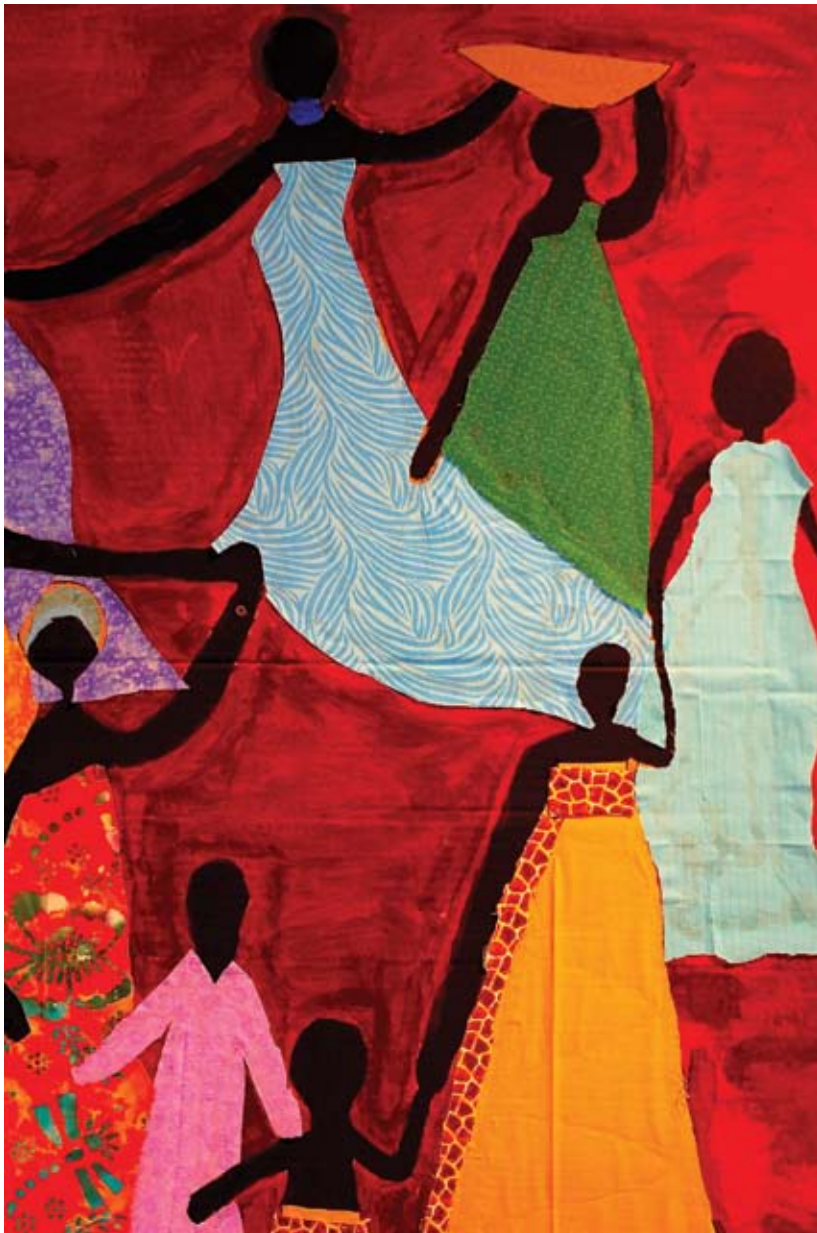
FEAR

Atiim Butler, Age 12
Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club

Why are you afraid?
Is there something to be scared of?
Are you afraid of what's below?
Are you afraid of what's above?
Are you scared of a push?
Are you scared of a shove?
Are you frightened of the man who sits above?
Do you fear relationships?
Do you fear love?
Do you fear a kiss?
What are you afraid of?
Are you scared of an animal?
Are you scared of a cave?
Are you scared of a demon?
Are you scared of a dove?
Are you scared of me?
Are you scared of my love?
What are you afraid of?
Why won't you come?
Are you afraid of the dirt?
Are you afraid of the mud?
Are you afraid of the carpet?
Are you afraid of a rug?
Are you afraid of the kitchen?
Are you afraid of a knife?
Come to think about it:
YOU'RE AFRAID OF LIFE!



Shaunya Bell, Age 11
Shaunya
George Washington Carver Boys & Girls Club



Naomi Richardson, Age 11
Unity
 Center for a New Generation at Connally Elementary

AGES

13-15

GET READY TO WIN

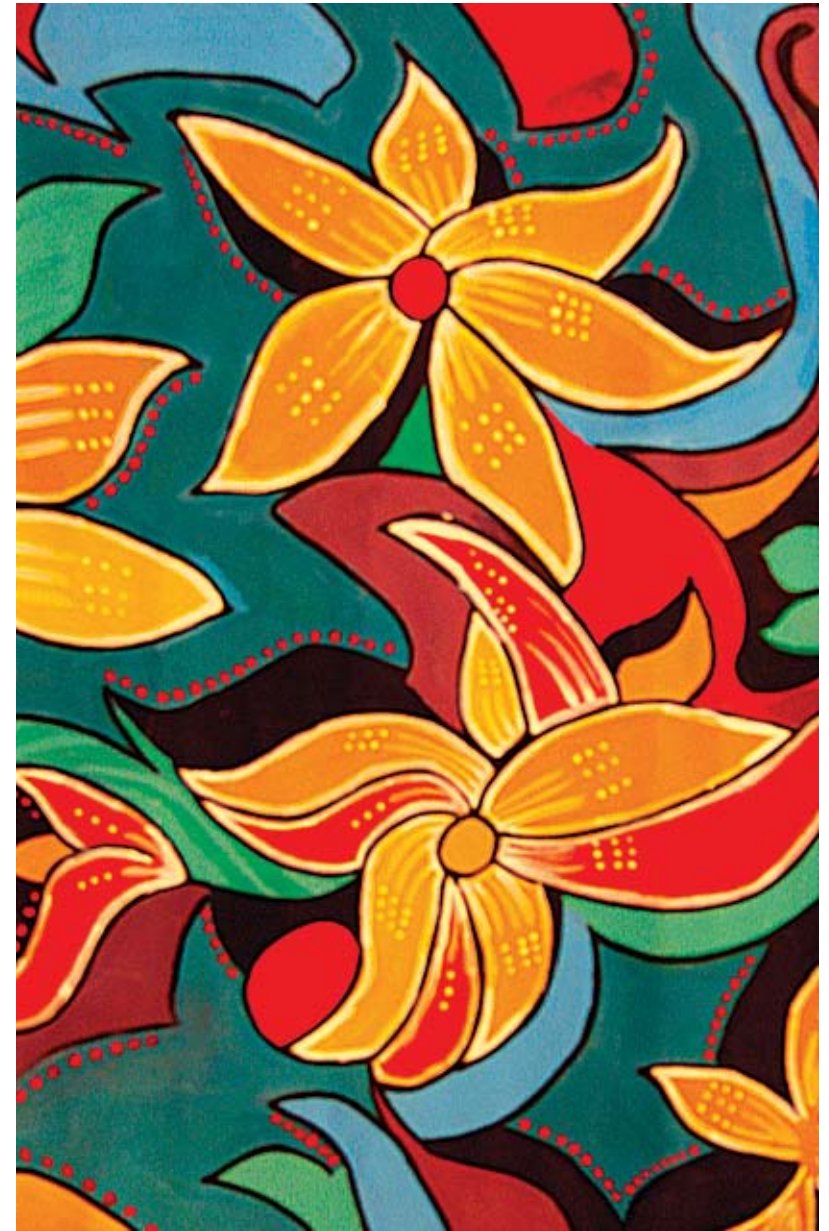
Quentin Darden, Jr., age 13
John H. Harland Boys & Girls Club

I put on my Jersey and Shorts
I plan to win
When I step on the court
No one will stop me then
I dribble down the court
I score and score
And when we start to lose
I take over and score even more
When we come out on top, time and time again
I knew we would because I came to win.

A SINGLE ROSE

Emani Welch, Age 14
Joseph B. Whitehead Boys & Girls Club

A single rose
Given by another
A single rose
Be it a friend, a sister, or lover
A single rose
So good and pure
A single rose may be the cure
A single rose
May dry your tears
A single rose
Wipes away the fear
A single rose
Represents many things
A single rose
To a memory it clings
And if by chance, it is bad
A single rose
Can seem so sad
But if with luck, the memory is good
The rose stands proud as it should
One single rose will be good
To show you care and kindness as it should



Jasmin Moffett, Age 14
Beauty in Full Bloom
Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

REAL

Dequadray White, Age 15
Jesse Draper Boys & Girls Club

What am I going to do?
Where am I going to go?
Everyone's so cold it's like they've been
Walking through snow.
Love to lie,
But scared to tell the truth.
Are you sure you don't know what's wrong
With our youth?
How do people grow up loving and caring
And then they want to be fake and daring.
Trying to be someone they are not, all
Bark but no bite.
It doesn't take much to spark an
Argument or even a fight.
Violence, negativity, and immaturity
Seem to be "HIP" nowadays,
Instead of positivity, maturity,
and getting good grades.
But I have been trying to comprehend
On what's going to happen at the end.
I told everyone that you can be all that and
Still humble.
But all they did is moan and mumble.
So while they're out there trying to figure out how to appeal,
I'm out there doing what's real.

GUILT

Tiffany Rose, Age 14
James T. Anderson Boys & Girls Club

It is bone deep
It tastes like rusted metal
It feels like a gnawing in your chest
It looks like the outcome of that decision
It sounds like the screams of your conscious
It lives in those who regret

KNOWLEDGE

Freedom Calloway, Age 15
Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

I am knowledge
The son of a mother and father
A bastard child
The son of two successful black individuals
I am the king of the court
The word to the wise
I am a scholar at school
But a Neanderthal on the field
I am a leader
The one that's going to keep our black children out of jail
I am the future father of a whole generation
I am the hip and the hop
The R and the B
I am the one who is uncontested
I am everywhere at every time
I am the one that your child will look up to
I am the almighty ring leader
I am not any book
I am me
I AM KNOWLEDGE!

BLACK & WHITE

Tiffany Rose, Age 14
James T. Anderson Boys & Girls Club

Black and White
Both a color in this world we live in
They are different
They determine life or death
Rich or poor
Smart or dumb
Human or alien
Society buries these decisions
Buries them with words...with grades...with politics
People go on unacknowledged, uneducated, and supposedly unloved...and to think
It all started with two simple colors...



Jessie Moore, Age 15
Pathway to Freedom
 Paulding County Boys & Girls Club

I'M A MAN

Felix Rainey, Ages 15
 W.W. Woolfolk Boys & Girls Club

I'm a man, a grown man,
 I love my family and friends.
 I provide. I can provide for you.
 I will be the best man I can be.
 I will go to church, go to work,
 And pay my bills on time.
 I protect the good from evil.
 I am a man!

STRUGGLE

Rae'fus Cox Jr., Age 13
 Joseph B. Whitehead Boys & Girls Club

I've started out young
 And am developing into a man
 I have a lot of people tell me that I can't
 When I know that I can
 I laugh so I won't cry
 I know that tomorrow isn't a promise
 So I don't know when I might die.
 Momma's struggling to pay bills
 Young kids having heart attacks
 I don't want to live like this Lord
 Please cut me some slack
 I am growing into a black man.

TIME

Isaiah Talbot, Age 15
 Jesse Draper Boys & Girls Club

Time is an amazing
 but complicated aspect of life.
 It can both cause trouble
 and heal others.
 The crazy thing about it is that time
 waits for no one.
 It proceeds without the person.

Time also consumes
 Those favorite moments you
 Just have to treasure and can't replace.
 As life goes on, you ask the question,
 Do you remember that time...?

That time of craziness, worship, funny moments and more.
 Eventually time will come around us.
 Nobody knows how it works.
 But one thing for sure,
 you will always find a way to make time work around you.

I'M OUT

Christopher Smith, Age 15
East DeKalb Boys & Girls Club

Don't be sad that my time is done
Cherish our memories they have been fun
Please don't cry
This isn't goodbye
I am free
As you can see

The streets of gold await
You'll see them on a later date
I hope I look good in my casket
Better than fruit in a basket
Ever since I was a little boy
My eyes were full of joy

Please don't feel hurt and sorrow
You'll be able to see tomorrow
All I got to say
Since I don't have another day
Don't shout and pout
Guess what y'all...I'm out!

...TO FLY

HAS FINALLY
LEARNED...

FAMILY, OH FAMILY

Parris Brown, Age 15
James T. Anderson Boys & Girls Club

Family is only that: related by blood
But the pain they can cause
Is worse than a storm or a flood
Sometimes you have to separate
For the betterment of yourself
Because lies, arguing and stress
Are not good for your health
Family is like age or gender
It simply cannot be chosen
The joy you can have will make
You wish time was frozen
But on the other side of the fence
Lies the negativity
But family, oh family
Without you... there would be no me

EVERY TIME

Kristian Mitchell, Age 13
Jesse Draper Boys & Girls Club

Why is it that every time I try my best
Things always end up being a mess?
Every time I want things to go right,
The outcome isn't really ever nice.
I want to do right by not just myself,
I want to do right by everyone else.
I don't like to screw up or even do wrong,
And I've been doing wrong for way too long.
Every time, and I do mean every time, I try.
I just want to change people's mind.
So when every time they see me, every time I try,
They'll see that I'm like a bird that finally has learned to fly.

PROMISE

Jamiah Greer, Age 14

A.W. "Tony" Matthews Boys & Girls Club

You made me promise before
you left this earth
that I would never let life swallow me whole
like it swallowed you.
Because you where drowning, drowning
in tears not your own
those of a disappointed mother,
angry father and a praying, praying grandmother.
She squirmed around like a fish in oil
When the wrist is submerged
a hand starts reaching to the surface
for help.
Life is at her throat
and she starts thinking about what she will leave behind
the lies she's told and the secrets she's kept.
Just a hand is left and she cannot take it
she ends it with a slit.
And till this day I promise
to never dig a hole that deep.

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STAR

Damir Williams, Age 15

A.W. "Tony" Matthews Boys & Girls Club

A star is complete
With only a unique
Shine...but never obsolete even when it's weak
Through the struggle
Stars come together like a huddle
In a circle but not a bubble
Blasting off in space like a shuttle
A star is never the same, just different
And never complains
But starts shifting
Remembering a star is unique
And also complete



Janae Fletcher, Age 14

Pineapple Express

A.Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

JUST PASS ME BY

Niarah Thomas, Age 13

Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club

I'm taken by you
I'm spit out and chewed by you
It does not concern you
It just amuses you
To continue
And judge me
Read me like a menu
And pass me on by
Stop looking at me like a deserted fly
I wish you'd let me be
Instead of stinging me like a bee
They say fly like a butterfly sting like a bee
So just pass on by me and let me be.

RIGHT CHOICES

Devon Driscoll-Ross, Age 15

A.W. "Tony" Matthews Boys & Girls Club

If darkness comes, I will brighten
If problems come, I will surpass
If hurdles come, I will rise above
If negativity comes, I will repel
If obstacles come, I will survive
Because I am strong, I refuse to fail

PLAY BALL

Quinterrius Douglas, Age 14

John H. Harland Boys & Girls Club

I get my bat and helmet and get ready for the pitcher
He throws the strike (1-2 ... BAM)
The ball is through, you hit a homerun
And they tell you "The harder you work the luckier you get"
You say "It's not luck." You're up again.
Your cockiness has gone to your head.
Strike 1-2-3 "You're Out"
It cost you the game.

WHAT'S THE TREASURE INSIDE?

Natalie Santos, Age 14

A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

What's the treasure inside?
A treasure chest never opened...
Beautiful secrets that everyone yearns to steal
They try to search and find the "X" as it marks the spot.
Their evil, greedy self...trying to turn their backs,
To throw out what they found.
Others look at you and watch...
They've found something that used to be locked away.

Sometimes, it's our own fault though.
We want to scream to the other side
We want people to know and take it in...
To find something more to relate to us.
Secrets that are locked away...
Secrets that are seeping through the cracks.
The secret treasures that breaks you...
What's the treasure inside?

SECRETS THAT ARE LOCKED
AWAY...

BREAK THROUGH

Natalie Santos, Age 14

A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

Ripping away the seams,
The path has been started.
On the way to victory,
The struggles are always the hardest.
To overcome, you need to fight.
Win the battle, not yet finished.
Hard work before the success.
Who said it would be easy?

A flower stuck in the ground,
Waiting to sprout its beautiful petals.
Years of drought, yet the moment comes.
Sprinkles of victory, not the final shower yet.

One day, someday, it's your turn.
Just work to break through,
The other side's a rainbow full of colors.

LOVE IN WORDS

Antoine Ashley, Age 15

Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

it's so loud inside my head with words that i should have said
i drown in regrets because i can't take back the words i never said.
but, i was afraid
how can i love when i am afraid to fall?
i have died everyday waiting for you
all of my problems disappear
even though i know you're gone, i hear your voice when the wind blows
time stands still...
i will be brave
i will not let this love get away
time has brought your heart to me.
love isn't defined by time
it is defined by the heart



Natalie Santos, Age 13

Mixed Feelings

A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club



Emily Mayes, Age 13
Fesign
 Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

WIFE BEATER

Nubia Livermore, Age 14
 Douglas County Boys & Girls Club

Playing basketball in your sweat stained wife beater.
 She has known you all your life, wouldn't have guessed you'd become a wife beater.
 She fell for your smile then let the smoothness of your speech woo her like silk against skin.
 FINALLY!
 He is exactly what she's been looking for. But if she looked deeper into his eyes behind his perfectly shaped pupils she'd see the reflection of the pain she will endure in the future.
 I guess she never looked deep enough.
 I wish she would've looked deep enough.
 He showers her with daily hugs and kisses then belittles her in front of friends then dismisses her like she's nothing.
 She takes every blow he throws moving faster than 75 miles per hour.
 He cuts her open, steals her most valuable organ, then devours it whole filling his trembling belly.
 Do you not get it he is not the peanut butter to your jelly!
 Yet his love for you is truly forever. Leaving you forever bleeding, forever mistreated forever broken and not knowing the meaning of love.
 To enlighten you, the definition of love is the desire to understand one another's soul, not to demolish it and mold it to your liking.
 Love is worth fighting for.
 This isn't true love so what are you fighting for?
 You are beautifully created and strong enough to take it but why take hits when he'll never be able to provide what you miss.
 He who is hurt himself cannot love properly. If you lift his shirt, you'll find battle wounds lying beneath his skin.
 He has deeper issues than you can fix, leave now before his hits get too hard, waving goodbye to your dreams, sleeping six feet under.
 He tells you he's the air that you breathe so every time the wind blows across your cheek you feel his punch.
 Letting you know you'll never be free. In reality he's more like a toxic gas, that you should be aware of.
 Or else his toxins will penetrate your lungs, paralyzing your tongue, disabling you to say I'm leaving.
 So you stay until his hits get too hard.

THEY DON'T KNOW ME

Nubia Livermore, Age 14
Douglas County Boys & Girls Club

Truth is I have no friends. Well no real friends to be exact.

People that know me beyond my smile and favorite color
don't exist in my life.

They don't know the me that adds milk duds to microwaveable popcorn,
because my mama taught me that, or how moody I can be like a 90s
baby when dragon ball z devastatingly became reruns, or how I was kinda
one of those kids.

The me that's frightened of immeasurable heights that even my child-
hood kite couldn't reach.

The me that sheds more tears than you'd ever imagine.

The me that's heart is afraid of catching feelings.

The me that's not Christian no disrespect but that's just a being I don't
believe in.

The me that's not afraid of dying because I know I'm not made of forever.
They don't know the me that sits in front of her window watching the rain
fall slowly only because tomorrow isn't promised so I cherish it as if it
were my last.

The me that was given a strong foundation.

The me that's horrified I won't meet my parents expectations.

The me that's terrified of failure.

The me that loves my mama making me terrified of failing her.

The me that gets scared when my mom makes that get out my face face.

The me that listens to her because I like my face.

The me that tends to love others more than I myself.

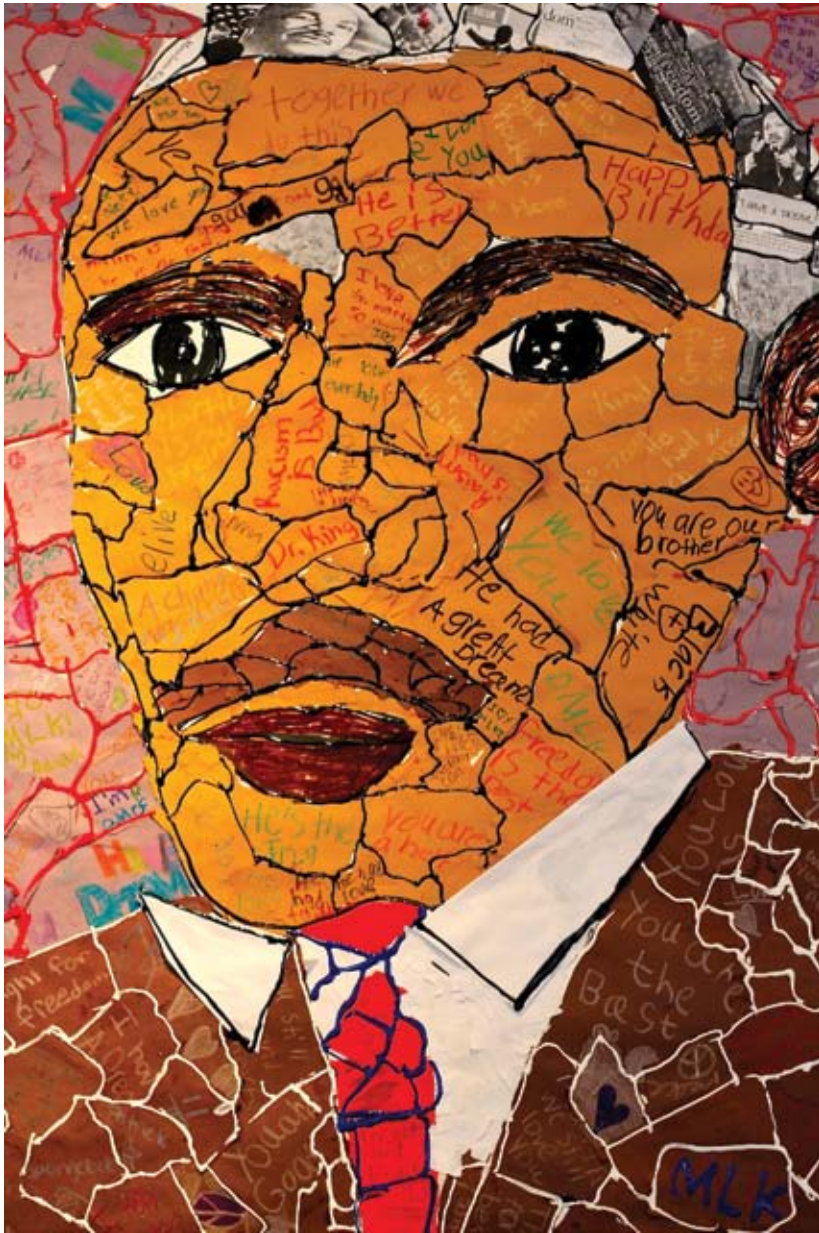
The me that doesn't trust because I'm scared of being betrayed so I push
everyone away hoping they'd disappear and fade in the background.

The me that has no real friends because I refuse to let them in so I wrote
this poem to give a sneak peek of who I am.

But even if you buckle down and study this, you still wouldn't know me.



Ariel Graham, Age 13
Koi
Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club



Group Project, Ages 6-18
We Dream of the Future
 Paulding County Boys & Girls Club

AGES

16-18

A BEAUTIFUL THING THOUGH

Joshua Lewis, Age 18
Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

A smile is a brittle thing,
twisted into a skill.

It's not so easy to keep,
nor is it to bring.
It's quite a troublesome thing,
but however perplexing it may be,
it is still one in a million.

With it comes warmth,
Lies,
Comfort,
Deception,
Relations,
Deceit,
Joy,
Life,
Liberty,
And above all,
Happiness.

A smile so dazzling to the eyes,
masks the wearer in the intended emotion,
making the witness a believer to no illness at bay.

It's known to many,
both far and near,
fragile in all respects,
like glass so clear.



Amiria Williams, Age 17
{TOP} *Burgundy Bliss*, {BOTTOM} *That's Me!*
Michael A. Grant Boys & Girls Club

WHERE IT IS DERIVED

Precious Blalock, Age 16
Joseph B. Whitehead Boys & Girls Club

We find ourselves changing and right before the final turn. You stop!
You begin to wonder what we are doing and why are we going this way.
You realize that it can't be this way, things have to go back to the way
they used to be!

To the way you used to see to me, to the way we once connected as
though we were care free.

We have to get away, away from the negativity. Away from the poverty and
away from the stereotypes that come with me. I'm sorry. I am as complex
as the greats once were, but my love for you is simple.
It comes from the heart. The part of the heart where everything pure is
located. That's where my love for you is derived. That's where my love for
you is derived.

SUNSET/SUNRISE

Brittany Rhoden, Age 17
Michael A. Grant Boys & Girls Club

A wonderful night
Such a beautiful sunset
Skies of blue, pink, and purple
A good way to end the day
Leaves blowing in the wind
Dim lights to calm the crying babies
Fresh air so calming
Babies sleeping
Mom cleaning
Dad reading
Thunder starts, winds howling
Babies wake, crying everywhere
All through the night
Sunrise, storms stop
Babies sleeping
Mom cooking
Dad watching morning news
Sunset, sunrise
Calming, peaceful, quite relaxing
Sunset, sunrise
Sunset, a good way to end the day
Sunrise and the way to start the day

BLACK POEM

Jordan Aker, Age 17
Michael A. Grant Boys & Girls Club

Black cat
Black bats
Black pitchers
And black right fielders
Black physicist
Black writers
Black dreamers
And black extremists
Black crackers
And black crack back crackers
Black crack addicts
Black smokers
Black dopers
And black convicts
Black conflicts
Black fathers
Love your black sons and daughters
Embrace the black pact
This isn't an attack
Just black facts

EVERYTHING PURE



Zoe Williams, Age 17
Unknown
 A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

OUTSIDE THE BOX

Thomas Harris, Age 16
 A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

Poetry is a river that flows from the mind
 A way to leave yourself and everyone behind
 Do what you're taught, don't stray from the line
 A way to relax, any moment, anytime

FUTURE GENERATION

Zoe Williams, Age 17
 A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

Like a key to a lock
 Open the door to your future
 Think for the future but live for now

Young people we have a responsibility to outlive our curses
 Whether they be cultural or historical
 RISE up young people for we are the future generation
 RISE up young people for we have no choice but to fight
 RISE up for your future.

But what about your past?
 Your past was built so you can outrun, outlast, and outlive
 You are the future generation for there are no statutes of limitations
 Here and now make the change
 So as we RISE, young people
 Be the change you seek
 For we are the future generation

LOSING YOU

Biannca Bolton, Age 16
Newnan/Coweta Boys & Girls Club

When talking to you I knew this was it
In my mind I thought it was a trick
Hoping this was not a hit
Falling for his slick kick
As I threw out hints
You knew what was up
All I felt was imprints
As if it was close up
As I thought this talk would be long
The day we stop talking I knew you were gone
I had the feeling something was wrong
All the attention had been drawn
Now thinking what have I done
Thinking this day would never come
And how could I be left so stunned
Because my body is so numb
Now searching for someone new
But still can't get over you

HOURS PASS BY

Malcolm Woodson, Age 18
Joseph B. Whitehead Boys & Girls Club

I think of you in my arms
And what it would be like to show love
I think of raising my seed
And what they be made of
I want to be close and near to you
I want you to say "I love you, too."
I love you more than he can
He is a troublemaker, not a gentleman
I think of how alone I was until you came to be.
I think of the joy I felt when you said you thought of me
I love how we to walk together hand in hand
We can walk on the beach barefoot in the sand
I am proud to be the heart you chose to make a friend
Hours pass by and cupid cries until we meet again.

DIFFERENT

Anthony Kinsey, Age 17
Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

We are all different in our own way
But it's that different that makes us hate
People are afraid of change
They treat people like aliens
Many things divide us whether race, culture or tradition
But we all are one and the same
When we learn that, then we'll stand as one
As we were meant to
We fight as one or die divided
I don't plan on dyeing divided from my brothers and sisters
Sometimes I think we are from another world
When only countries divide us
The day we stand as one will be the day we accept our differences
I believe Martin Luther King's dream was to see us stand and fight as one
The way I see it everyone is divided with all the fighting amongst ourselves
over nothing
Just because we do things different from the next man
This is who we are
In my eyes we are all the same.



AS ONE
STAND

A SLAVE'S PAIN

Nyomi Haynes, Age 17

Joseph B. Whitehead Boys & Girls Club

I never knew persons so merciless
Or Should I say heartless
Which is why, I beg you to try some empathy
If not sympathy and mercy
For those with swollen shut eyes
That drip bloody tears
Or even those bruised lips and trembling cold bodies
With torn inscribed tattoos
For their masters have done unforgivable crimes
And we are not asking them to pay the consequences
Just stop trading humans.
Oh please free the slaves
But no! They continue these inexcusable actions
Abusing young bodies! And souls
Stealing innocence from precious young girls
Raping all of their potential Futures
So I beg you, unite with us!
To stop these hideous injustices
To these Africans with broken hearts
And battered souls
And deliver the treatment they so rightly
Deserve. For they are humans too.

THEY
ARE HUMANS TOO

HIS IMPRESSION

Shannon Inez Bowe, Age 17

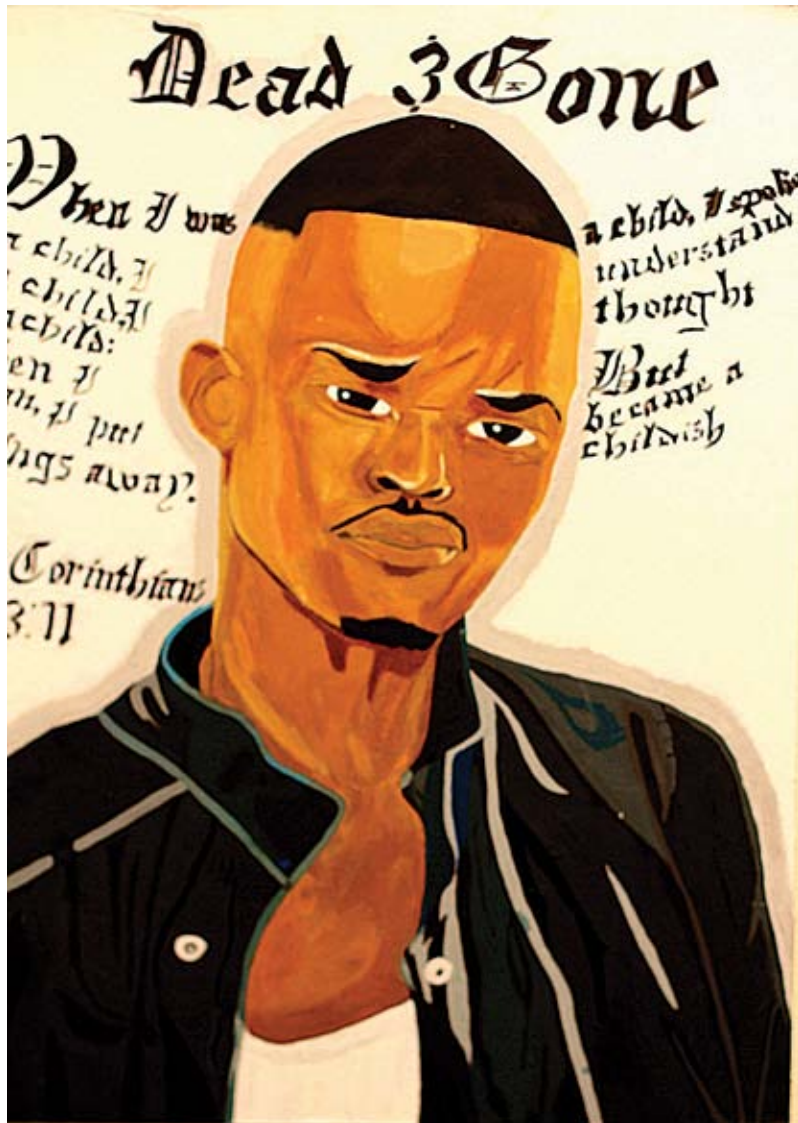
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Standing by the window he acknowledged my existence, thus by far I
chose to ignore his at all cost.
I have heard by many that his beauty is a distraction towards all the
things that will be lost.
Looking into his eyes all I see is my happiness covered in frost.
This is because I now know the truth that he tossed.

Every time he leaves me smiling, I rip a petal off of a rose,
In order to prove to myself that his love is nothing but a dose.
I gambled upon myself that the next time he lingers near,
My heart will cry out gently and melt to sheer.

We both understand that the other wants all there is to offer,
But how much can I take until I begin to grow softer.
He said he would be willing to wait for my answer and key,
My response to that was to look beyond the sea.

A few nights long past I thought things through,
And started to realize that I already really knew,
That if I told him no he would find another with no harm,
Which is why I asked her to place my hand in her arm.
I left him alone with no words of goodbye,
And the last time he noticed me was when I took her fingers in mine and
told her "I'd die."



Dante Daniel, Age 18
Dead & Gone
 Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

LEARN FROM HE

Joshua Lewis, Age 18
 Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

The best advice a man can give you is not what he knows himself,
 It is in fact his very actions that tell all.

It is what He being only Human does that defines him and his nature,
 And know that what he does serves as a model,
 To every boy, girl, and all women and men alike;
 For you see his image,
 His character,
 His words,
 And most importantly,
 His actions are a display of what could possibly be you and me as well.

So be grateful for the image of he,
 Because it tempts you with the question "To be or not to be,"
 And upon answering it I say I think therefore I am not what society has
 marked me to be.
 I am only just me.

And know that it is one thing to look the part and another thing be,
 So it is the struggle of my generation to carry on and be better than those
 before we.

Knowing this I am moving forward knowing that I'll be a better model than
 you've been to me,
 And so will the next thrive and do unto me,
 For it is my purpose to be that image unto every boy,
 Girl,
 Woman and,
 Every man who gazes upon me,

Because I to am a model for all to see,
 So gather round quickly and learn from me.

TROUBLES DON'T LAST FOREVER

Kaelin Matthews, Age 17
Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

In the hood cancer takes the best of us
jail drugs and shoot outs usually take the rest of us
it seems like a god isn't there for us
like who the heck is helping us
dirty cops arresting us
nasty uncles molested us
desert eagles protecting us
from the lies they are telling us
talking about the school system running out of money
but spending billions on war
look homie we're dummies
yeah we're poor but we still got needs
I got a niece who whispered to me that she too hungry to scream
too hungry to sleep
she's up all through the night
sees momma selling her body and daddy selling white
reading fairy tales she wants that Cinderella life
come midnight all she's seeing is her parents fight
so she's the reason why I grind
plus I do it for the paraplegic who still believing she can be a dancer
and for that boy with downs syndrome who knows that he handsome
I got to grind for my mom cause she's dying from cancer
Pause...
do y'all know how it feels to see your mother dying in front of you
stress brought her cancer back and everybody saying it's because of you
I only see him on pictures
I used to see him on Christmas
I heard he went to prison
and in trippin
all's forgivin
when he's free and ready to talk I'm here and ready to listen
my cousin Vern serving 10 my brother's got a life sentence
but my brother not going to jail he got Aids but what's the difference
when life gives you lemons make a lemon meringue pie
don't cry
dry your eyes
for troubles don't last forever

RAISE ME RIGHT

Joshua Lewis, Age 18
Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

I know that I am not today. I am the beginning of tomorrow,
I am the voice that you love
the one of no sorrow
I am fear,
the new year,
unclear for tomorrow,
My purse is yours to borrow,
for I am an investment for bigger days,
pays, plays, and worn out says.

I am rainbows and lost wages,
birthdays and missed pages,
smiles and eight miles to a dream so you can't even stage it.

Now according to you I'm just over broke,
but my trials are a result of your neglected vote,
and what's worse is that I noticed before I woke.

Now I hate to love but love to hate,
this topic of mine is of much debate,
but this topic finds no where to relate,
because my undoing is seen far to late.

But wait wait,
before you start with the hugs and the kisses,
giving up and wishing me all the best wishes.
Know there is a way to close these wounds with well placed stiches,
and I promise I won't scratch them even when I get the itches.

Now use your hands and do what is right,
prepare me for my restless nights,
equip me well so I can fight,
Because even I being the Future,
Want to see morning's light.

BIPOLAR LOVE

Kaelin Matthews, Age 17
Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

I saw us being together
Forever
Through my 20/20 vision
But I guess my eyes was trippin
Or maybe I was trippin
What was I thinkin
When I thought that we would last
And they say opposites attract
We're far from the same
So why we clash
But it is what it is
And it is what it's going to be
You no longer want me
And I don't like you like I used to
But I didn't want to hurt
Because you said that's what you're used to
And you don't come around like you used to
Spend time with me like you used
And that's something I can't get used to
And I hate when I see you two
And I know when you see me with her
That really hurts you too
But one man's trash is another man's treasure
He wasn't treating you right and I saw you deserved better
Love can be a brat
Depending on what you tell her
You and me compared on a level
Like a husband and a wife
I took a chance on love
Like rolling a pair of dice
And if I'm destined for you
Then I'm bound for paradise
Perfect days and perfect nights
I could be your perfect knight
You could be Cinderella
No really sleeping beauty
Because I couldn't wait to kiss you
Love the time had
And want to spend more time with you



Kayla Smith, Age 17
Western Boot
George Washington Carver Boys & Girls Club

THANK
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Newnan/Coweta Boys & Girls Club
71 Wesley Street
Newnan, Georgia 30263
(678) 423-0309

DEKALB COUNTY

Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club
450 East Lake Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030
(404) 378-8814

Brookhaven Boys & Girls Club

1330 N. Druid Hill Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30319
(404) 237-0765

East DeKalb Boys & Girls Club

6020 Paul Road
Lithonia, Georgia 30058
(770) 469-2126

George Washington Carver Boys & Girls Club

20 Warren Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30317
(404) 377-6765

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Douglas County Boys & Girls Club
8828 Gurley Rd.
Douglasville, Georgia 30134
(770) 577-9824

FULTON COUNTY

**Center for a New Generation
at Connally Elementary**
Connally Elementary School Site
Atlanta, Georgia 30311
(404) 802-8474

John H. Harland Boys & Girls Club
434 Peeples Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30310
(404) 758-2892

Jesse Draper Boys & Girls Club
1462 E. Walker Street
College Park, Georgia 30337
(404) 762-0163

Center of Hope – Thomasville
1835 Henry Thomas Drive, SE
Atlanta, Georgia 30315
(404) 624-0816

CLUB LOCATIONS *continued*

W.W. Woolfolk Boys & Girls Club

1642 Richland Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30311
(404) 752-7239

Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

790 Berne Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30316
(404) 622-1358

**Joseph B. Whitehead
Boys & Girls Club**

1900 Lakewood Ave.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315
(404) 627-4617

WINSTON COUNTY

Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club

382 Stone Mountain Street
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045
(770) 995-0100

A. Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club

5360 Old Norcross Road
Norcross, Georgia 30071
(678) 421-0894

Clubs in Schools:

Louise Radloff Middle School

3939 Shackleford Road
Duluth, Georgia 30096
(678) 245-3400

PAULDING COUNTY

Paulding County Boys & Girls Club

335A Academy Drive
Dallas, Georgia 30132
(678) 363-8570

ROCKDALE COUNTY

**A.R. "Gus" Barksdale
Boys & Girls Club**

1015 O'Kelly Street
Conyers, Georgia 30012
(770) 922-7402

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