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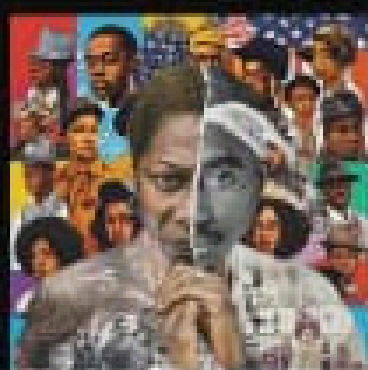
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ABSTRACT ART
EXPRESSIONS

SUNBURN

*THE SUN DOES NOT DEFECT ON US — IT REFLECTS ON US.
IT FEELS AT HOME AS IT EMBRACES OUR MELANIN.
WE DON'T GET BURNED.
WE DON'T HAVE THAT PROBLEM — SUNBURN.*



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JEKELL VS HYDE



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*Jekell and Hyde
angry and calm
a Black man,
the best of both worlds.*

*Peace during the fire
even though the burns scorch my skin.*

*Sometimes too nice,
sometimes too calm,
but they say I come off mean.*

*Or scary
maybe scary to the world,
but a hero to our children.*

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angry and calm
a Black man,
the best of both worlds.*

OLD STORIES



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*Old stories
that were never told
still live inside our DNA.*

*And though they can't be spoken,
they can be felt.
Though they can't be seen,
they can be heard.*

*I am the product
of my ancestors' wildest dreams
their greatest hopes,
what they tilled the yard for,
what they planted the harvest for.*

PAUL REVERE



ZANAFAMU

THE BRANCH



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If this branch breaks, do not throw it away.

*Use the wood for fire to heat your home.
Use the leaves for covering.*

*Then go into the forest
and grab another branch.*

*See that it's stronger,
more durable
than the one before.*

*And soon we will be a tree
of many nations,
many branches,
one Bloodline.*

MEDUSA WITH LOCKS



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*They call her the devil
because her locks look like serpents.*

*They call her mean and toxic
because she has an attitude.*

But she's the sweetest person you'll ever meet.

*Her beauty goes from the heart to the skin
and pours out her eyes
where I can see our ancestors,
our Bloodline,
our tribe.*

*She carries the pain and burdens of our tribe
so eloquently
while maintaining her peace.*

*My only role is to protect her —
she's our tribe's biggest prize,
our most valuable possession.*

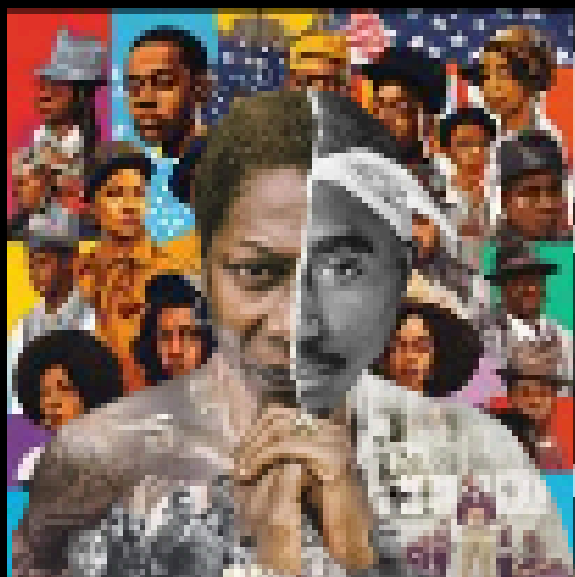
*The world places her as Medusa,
but Kandake carries the skin-glow of Sudan.*

*This beauty cannot be redefined
no matter how many times European writers try.
They can try until their pencils break,
until they run out of lead.*

*Kandake is beautiful
from Sudan to the States.*

SUBMISSIONS





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