

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

To the Core poets!

How are you all doing? Hope you're keeping well. So, how's the writing going? Hope you're still keeping your pen flowing. Even if you jot down 'bits and pieces' now and then – you're still shaping your craft and capturing a moment in time. You may even find each tiny bit you write, contributes to an entire piece! Look back at your last couple of notes and you may see what i mean.

Also, just to remind you to save all of your work, so you can share it with the group when the sessions resume.

So, here follows this week's poetry session - get creative and enjoy!

Keep strong, keep safe and keep writing! ☺

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# Martin Luther King 57th anniversary March 2020

28<sup>th</sup> AUG 2020



Thousands are gathered in Washington DC to commemorate the 1963 civil rights March on Washington.

Tens of thousands of people gathered in Washington, DC on Friday to denounce racism, protest against police brutality and commemorate the anniversary of the 1963 civil rights march when Martin Luther King Jr made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

In his iconic address, King lamented "the unspeakable horrors of police brutality" and envisioned a reality, a future where his children would "one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character".

Kimberly Jones, a Black woman from Illinois, was one of hundreds of marchers, lining up to enter the National Mall. "Fifty-seven years later we are still fighting that same fight, the fight for equality." Jones said. "It makes me sad and I'm so tired."



Civil rights activist Reverend Al Sharpton's National Action Network began planning for the march back in June in the wake of George Floyd's death. On Friday, he delivered the keynote address in front of the cheering crowd.

"The reason we had and still have to say Black Lives Matter ... we go to jail longer for the same crime like we don't matter, we get poverty, double the unemployment like we don't matter, we're treated with disrespect like we don't matter," he said.

"So we figured we'd let you know, Black Lives Matter and we won't stop until it matters to everybody."

"Every generation leaves behind a legacy. What that legacy will be is determined by the people of that generation. What legacy do you want to leave behind?" (*John Lewis US civil rights leader and politician.*)

**“What legacy do you want to leave behind?”**

**PROMPT**

- **Write a piece answering this question. Think about what matters to you, how you’d like to be remembered?**

**OR**

- **Use some of the words from the list below to write your creative piece.**

- **Reason**
- **Gather**
- **Protest**
- **Against**
- **Content**
- **Tired**
- **Plan**
- **Wake**
- **Deliver**
- **Key**
- **Stop**
- **Note**
- **Speak**
- **Still**
- **Iconic**
- **Envision**
- **Judge**
- **Fight**
- **Equality**
- **Right**
- **Skin**
- **Character**
- **Reality**
- **Future**
- **Dream**



***I say to you today, my friends...even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."***

***I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brother-hood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.***

***I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream...I have a dream that one day in Alabama, with its viscous racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.***

***I have a dream today...I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope.***

***When we allow freedom to ring--when we let it ring from every city and every hamlet...we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, Free at last, Great God a-mighty, We are free at last."***

## **PROMPT**

- Read the speech above.

**Note:** his eloquent use of words. How he uses metaphors and imagery to enforce his point.

- Write a piece about a dream you have, perhaps about a passion you have or for something you aspire to achieve,

*OR*

- About an actual dream you've had.

*OR*

- Use some of the words from the list below to write your creative piece.

Face  
Rise  
Equal  
Hold  
Valley  
Reveal  
Words  
Red  
Dream  
Free  
Table  
Heat  
Oasis  
Lips  
Mountain  
Glory  
Ring  
Join  
Spirit  
Hand  
Rough  
Live  
Deep  
Hope  
Crooked  
Drip  
Root  
Hill  
True  
Tomorrow

## **Royal Shakespeare Company A Midsummer Night's Dream**

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream Quotes**



*A Midsummer Night's Dream (2005), directed by Gregory Doran.*

***“The course of true love never did run smooth.”***

*William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*

***“My soul is in the sky.”***

*William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*

***“So we grew together,  
Like to a double cherry, seeming parted,  
But yet an union in partition,  
Two lovely berries moulded on one stem.”***

*William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*

***“Though she be but little, she is fierce.”***

*William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*

***“Are you sure/That we are awake? It seems to me/That yet we sleep, we dream”***

*William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*

***“Love's stories written in love's richest books.  
To fan the moonbeams from his sleeping eyes.”***

*William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*

***“And yet, to say the truth, reason and love keep little company together nowadays.” ...***

*William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*

***“I have had a most rare vision. I have had a dream, past the wit of man to say what dream it was.”***

*William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*

## **PROMPT**

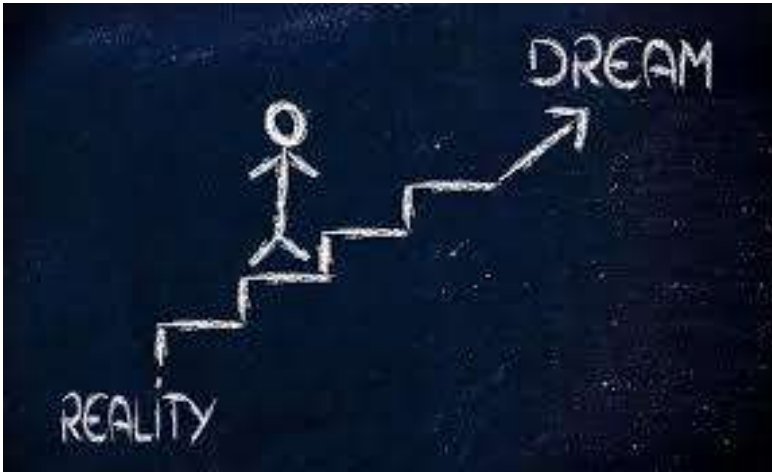
- Select a quote from above to use for your creative piece.

OR

- Use some of the words from the list below to write your creative piece.

***Sky***  
***Fierce***  
***Awake***  
***Cherry***  
***True***  
***Soul***  
***Together***  
***Night***  
***Dream***  
***Rich***  
***Double***  
***Union***  
***Love***  
***Never***  
***Smooth***  
***Reason***  
***Stories***  
***Eyes***  
***Moon***  
***Truth***

# DREAM STEPS



## PROMPT

- Imagine you are the matchstick figure walking up a flight of stairs, from reality into a dream world.
- Write what your dream world is like...
- Put your pen on the page and just write...
- You can be as creative as you wish. Get descriptive and ***DREAM BIG!***