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### I Matter Because...

I'm black and I'm proud,  
I'll always stand out in the crowd.  
When I speak I'll say it loud,  
Only then will I bow.  
I'll make change, even if not now,  
Until then I won't back down.

I've got lots of ambition,  
My mission's to carry my goals like a pole and I'm fishing  
For every thought that arises and sounds like a siren  
I'm prying and searching for the meaning  
All these ideas make it feel like I'm dreaming  
But to one side my mind is leaning.

I'll make my way to university,  
One with lots of diversity,  
One that makes minorities a top priority.  
I work smart, I work hard,  
I walk through life with each given card.  
My mind's a mental cage under 24/7 guard.

I strive to be resilient,  
My mind's a mental mass of brilliance.  
I don't plan to make millions,  
I want to put in the time to make even a dime

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Because making these rhymes is a gift that I can use to lift my reputation  
Looking to the future is the source of my determination  
To make it far in this star spangled nation.

Every night over my work I labor,  
Even more so than my classroom neighbor  
Trying to sharpen my mind like a saber  
I like to be productive with my instruction  
Doing my best to rise up above what I am to what I can be,  
Life's ticking by so fast you can see the falling sands, are you following me?  
I want to make something of myself and grow  
It'll be a lot of work but I know it's worth it, though.

I'm climbing up the tallest ladder  
To prove to some people why dreams even matter  
Stepping up to the plate to take a swing at my fate  
"Batter, batter, swing!" like living life is a game  
But I've gotta snap back to reality and see  
That every choice I make is gonna stick with me.

I matter because I want to be better  
I have ambition, I'm on a mission  
I'll rise up and make it to the stars  
I'll shoot past the others and raise the bar  
Of achievement and opportunity  
For myself and others in my community,  
But there's nobody out there like me.