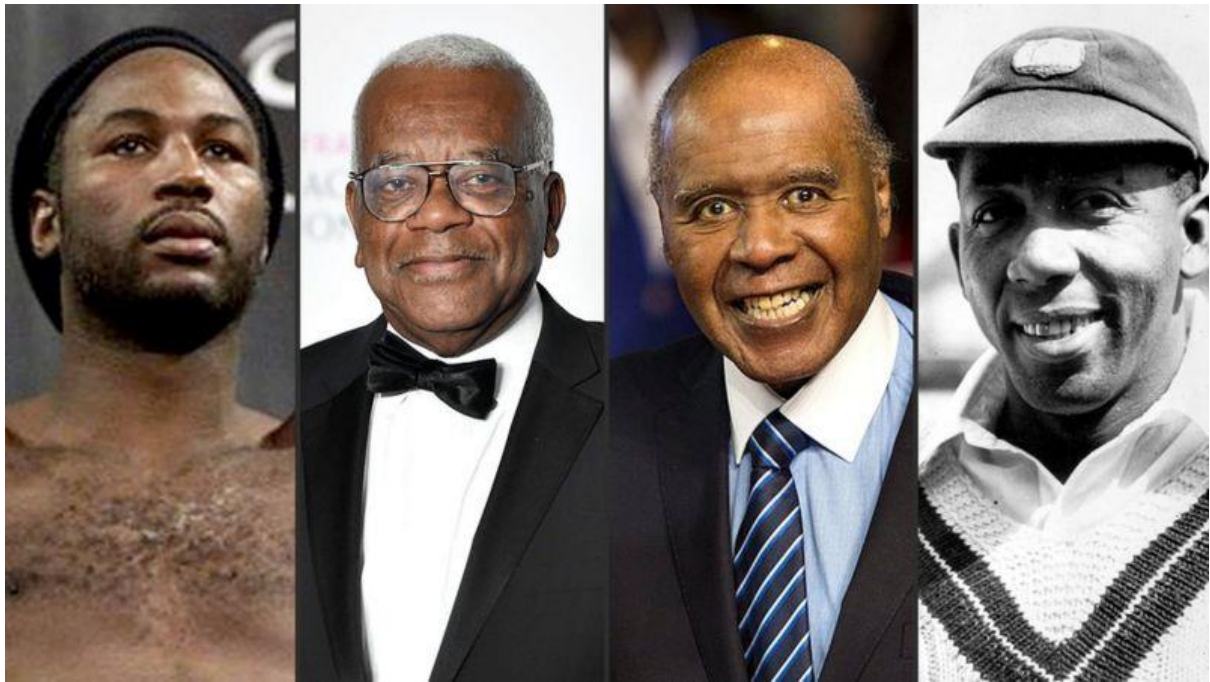


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~~I Don't See Colour~~

Racism, discrimination, and inequality.

These words are thrown around every day.

In the news, at work, school and on the radio.

Yet there is still racism, discrimination, and inequality.

Throughout the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests the phrase 'I don't see colour' crept around us like people were scared to say anything but wanted to appear anti-racist without saying 'I'm not racist'.

Simply saying 'I don't see colour' initially comes from a good place of striving for equality and anti-racism.

Yet it silently overlooks years of fighting.

Fighting for freedom.

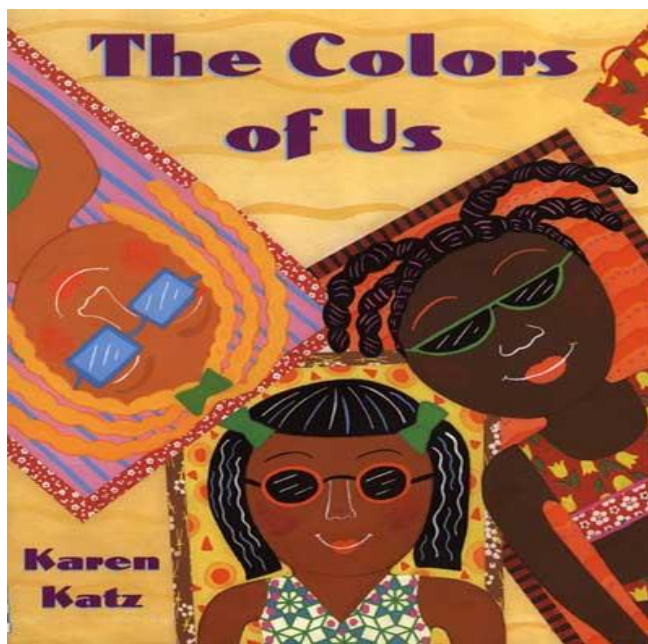
Fighting for a voice.

It overlooks people's entire culture and heritage, their past struggles and entire history.

Instead of 'I don't see colour', acknowledge everyone's differences by seeing colour and accepting the different cultures within our world.

Lucy Killoran

Holy Cross College Bury



Isn't it about time?

Isn't it about time? Surely by now

To be gone of this scourge that divides our world on arbitrary lines (not by space nor time) but by melanin, by shades of skin.

Is it enough just to be outraged, is it enough just to be annoyed
by the murder of George Floyd?

I think not.

Is it enough to be celebrated nationally on stage, on the field and on screen,
but have free-reign, scott-free to malign online with dehumanising comments
and emojis of bananas and of poo and of monkeys on public display?

Breach of humanity I say

Apparently less of a criminal act than a breach of copyright.

Stereotypes and myths prevail

when not challenged nor corrected,

They won't organically be derailed.

Inclusive and balanced history-telling is the key.

It's not all just Windrush

and slavery

and then to be contemporary throw in a bit of Stormzy.

Contributions to society like Rashford, Sir David Adjaye),

Hearing 'forgotten' voices, reading 'unconventional' texts.

Yeah, classics may still be read, but are we still going on killing Mockingbirds?

Does the blackbird still take their broken wings, still learning to fly? Still?

Call it out if you see or hear, that throwaway comment or that derogatory
shout.

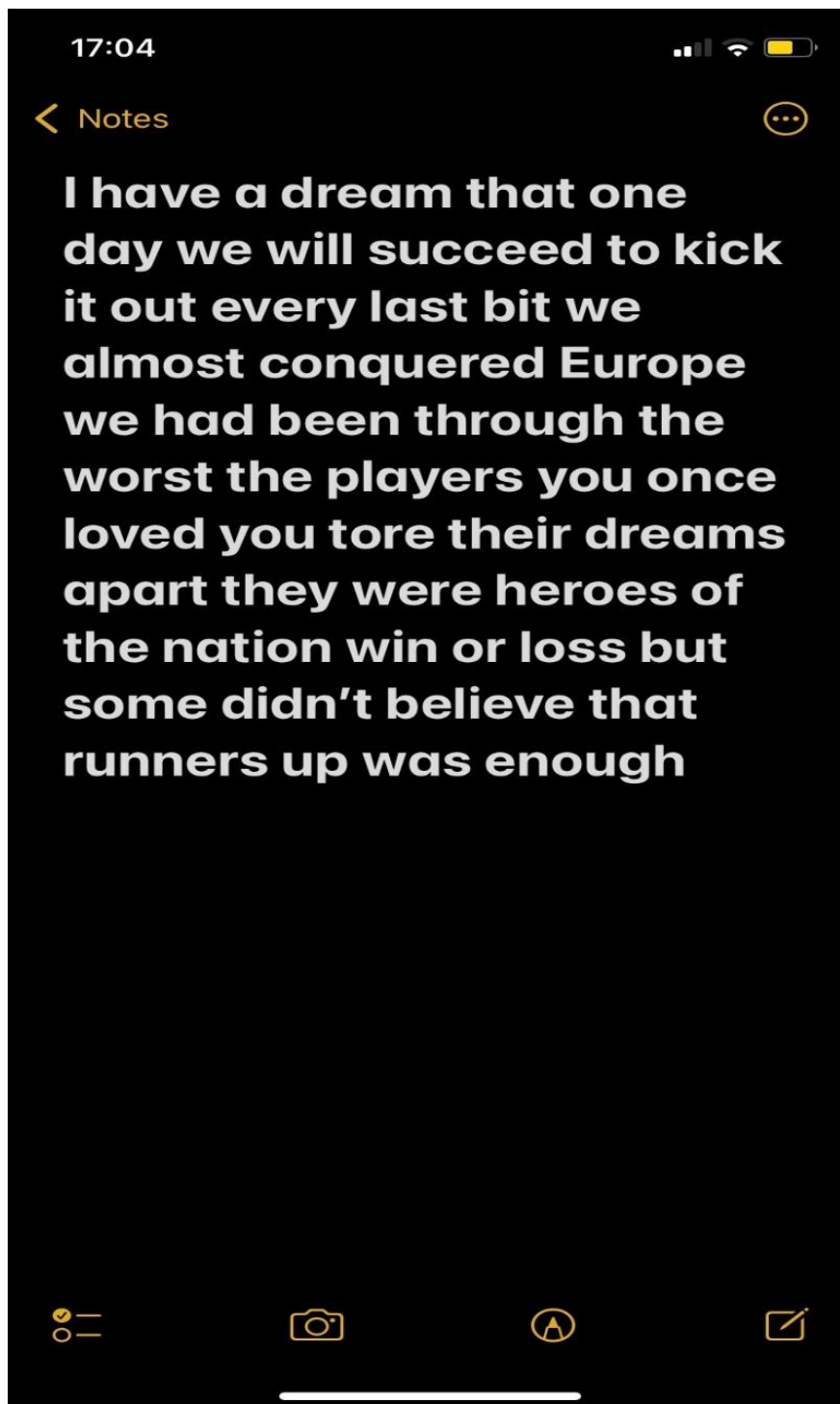
That's a way to kick racism out.

Yes, I vasodilate, but I don't blush, honest.

If you talk to me, you will see
That racism is not defined to America or a bygone era.
Still, directed at children
Still, shouted out on our streets and stadia
Still, lacking proportional representation as the executive, as the senior
Still, ingrained in institutions (where status quo and static representation are
the default, despite a much-changed population)
Still, evident in life expectancies and what we are now calling 'health
inequalities'.
So no, we don't all go red in the face.
Neither do the same 'we' have all the answers on race.
Just see me as me, we all have stories to tell, I'll listen to your stories as well.
It's not all one-way, have no fear
Of a blackwash though you might be shocked at what you hear.
Everyday microaggressions, where are you *really* from I'm asked?
As if the first answer didn't suffice, I get asked twice.
Assumptions of paternal absence, I could go on.
I won't, today.
It's going to take you and me to push things forward
Shall we?
Let's!
Isn't it about time?

Sam Appiah-Anane September 2021

NHS Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group



Jack Scane

Dear diary

Dear diary, today was quite possibly one of the only times that I've gotten physical with anybody, now I know that in my last entry I explained my pacifist behaviour in great detail, but I just couldn't sit there and let this happen, it just was not right...

so anyway, I was on my way to the first period of the day and stumbled upon someone taking a kid's money, never seen them before in my life nor do I have the skills to help fight them off, so I just ignored it. I kind of wished that I hadn't because there was a price to pay afterwards because I wish that there was never a world in which this kind of thing would ever happen to another human being, but enough rambling I need to get to the point because I am running out of space in this page entry.

It was after P.E and there was a huge noise from the supply room that contained all the sports equipment, I instantly knew there was a problem. Did someone fall over? No that was too loud for a simple fall, before I knew it my subconscious took the reins and I was running toward the supply room at full tilt, I burst through the doorway to see a horrible sight, before my eyes the same kid that was being shaken down for money earlier was on the floor bleeding from his head and towering over him there was a boy from year 9 that was staring at him with a burning hatred in his eyes, I have not the slightest clue what had happened to this guy's life to make him so resentful, in my subconscious state I had noticed that he was lifting for another swing before I could stop myself I was running and threw my weight at him and took the hits for the scared kid before me, I muttered the words run to the kid and he did, before I could finish my sentence the attacker yelled a slur at him through the door, I could not believe my ears, I thought this was about money but the entire time he was just resentful of his ethnicity... it was then that I felt crushed, he was beating that guy for the colour of his skin and nothing more.

And that is the end of this entry, to my future self or anyone who finds my diary in my childhood home or I don't know it might be thrown out in the future, but I hope that whoever reads this has the backbone to take a stand, we say no to racism, I say no to racism, intervene all the time, there is no place for it on this planet, we are all the same no matter what, (end of entry.)

Ethan Hughes



BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

No one should be racist.

Everyone is exactly the same on the inside and on the outside.

Just because someone is a different colour or ethnicity doesn't change who they are.

Racism is a horrible, nasty thing and I think it's appalling how people are racist. It's sad how racism is still around but sooner or later it will all come to a stop.

We can't let people get away with and still succeed in life.

That isn't fair we need to be more aware!

Liam Sudlow

Reaseheath college



Be proud.

Be proud. Of whom you are. Who you were. And what is yet to come.

Pride can rise like a wave yet set like the evening sun.

Black is not a colour nor shade.

More like an accolade an essence of your being, who you are, who you were and what is yet to come.

As you tolerate this hate it may seem hard not to feel numb.

Do not set aside the problematics that come with being black but exaggerate the victories for to be black is to pave the way in history.

Take pride. Not in the divide. Nor fear. But the way you walk the streets with your head held high and your face seen clear.

You may not have a family crest in an overpriced Frame, but you have something unique. Your name, and when you speak it, you speak it anything but tame. Like the presence of a roaring flame

To be black is to struggle, with the judgemental glances double the pressure but half the chances people telling you to stop being frantic...

But they don't understand, the sacrifice ,pressure slowly crushing like a vice

I don't care if your losing stay in the fight. For you must fight the wind if you wish to fly the kite.

Don't do what your told be one of the few

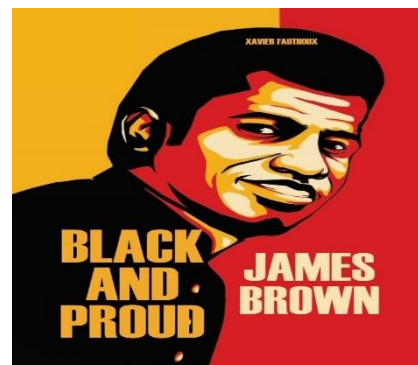
Be bold. Be you.

And most of all, say this one like it's true, and say it loud

Be you.

Be proud

Javaid Akhtar



Purposeful Pride

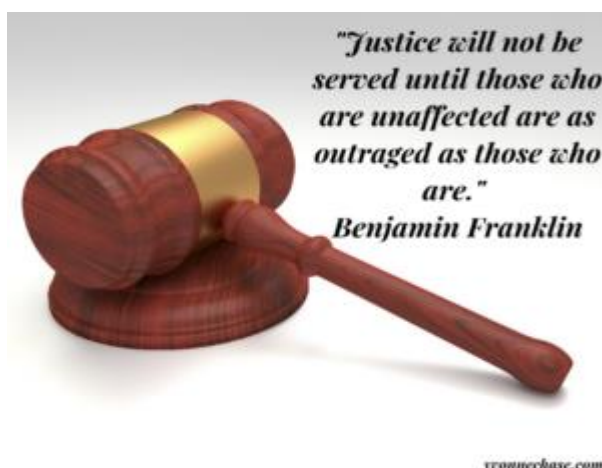
Are we a colour? No! A humankind is what we are.
There's no black, there's no white. There's only human.
Be proud to be human, as peaceful protestors is what we are.
Fight these professed humans with propriety and courage.
Make these professed humans, real humans as we are.

Break the barrier, don't be the barrier.
Powerful places are made by powerful people as we are.
We are one body, many members. So, bring all the senses to sense
and make a powerful place.
Believe in real humankind, in the members of this body as we are.

Without this body, nothing would be possible.
Unrecognised contributions make this a powerful place.
Black is history of heroes. Let the knowledge prevail.
Black history is world history because their experienced plough.

Their dream is our dream. But make this reality, as we grow.
Breathe the rushing wind, let it give life.
God put it that way, no one can change that way
so don't let anyone take your purposeful pride away.

Zain-UI Khan Anwar: Holy Cross College



Anti – racism

Racism!

This case will not be ignored,
Anti-racism is your reward,
Cause it's happening worldwide,
You fight, you don't hide.

You can't believe this is okay,
Don't put it off for another day,
You can't think racism is a solution,
Don't add to the contribution.

We need to stand as one,
And it's already begun,
Be stronger than the hate,
Anti-racism won't wait.

The racism abuse will not be cast aside,
No longer a divide,
This is what it's all about,
The racist opinion will out.

Poppy Lawton: Reaseheath College



Salaam (peace)

What's my mission, what's my aim?

Look in the title it's all in the name

Hungry for riches thirsty for fame

Six feet under we're all the same

Hatred power what's it all about?

Give me a reason speak out loud

Is it pride is it a game?

Killings easy when you're not the same

What's the bloodshed really all about?

Don't you reflect have you no doubt?

What did I do am I to blame?

Please don't do it not in my name

Why can't we live together in harmony and peace?

Open your hearts we'll do it with ease

Let's give it a chance let's give it a try

Let the children smile let's not make them cry.

Anwarul Haq: Markaz Al Huda Ltd/ Project29



I will set free

Here comes the soldiers
Meant to push me away
A chain that is taking under
Swallowing my own blood
Left meant with nothing to say
My voice taken away from the men in blue

But I won't cry
And I won't start to let go
Whenever they try
To silence or hung up

I won't be silenced
You can't keep my people
Won't be shouting "I can't breathe"
When you choke me
All I know is I will set free

'cause I'll fight
When they try to suffocate me
Don't you underestimate me
'cause I know is I will set free

Written in stone
Every ship, Every name
Centuries is old and unbending
Stay in that state
Better seen and not heard
But now that century is ending

'cause I
I cannot start let go
So come on and try
Try silenced and hung me up

I won't be silenced
You can't keep my people
Won't be shouting "I can't breathe"
All I know is I will set free
Set free

Break the chains free
I cannot be broken
No, I live without my people
'cause I know is I will set free

Try to lock me in this cage
I won't just lay me down and cry
I will take these broken spirits
And watch fly across the stars
Hear the Lord saying I

I won't be silenced
Though you choke when you try it
All I will set free
Set free

'cause I'll fight
When they try to suffocate me
Don't underestimate me
'cause I know is I will set free
All I know is I will set free
Set free

This song was inspired by speechless from Aladdin
Hope you like it

Joy Kazadi: Year 9 Student






8841

Programmed or human nature
To focus in on the finer unimportant details.
Just a continuous sequence caused by us.
How cruel a world this is.

But now, even in 8841, years continuing
They separate us.
They don't view us as equals, my love,
Love shall blaze a way to stop this Hell.

Memory of a calmer time. Erased.
Bit by bit, our eternity will begin.
Burning down their wall,
Fire will rise, for all to see.

I still remember the time we first met,
While here I am. Struggling for air, I look up to you
and see the wild fighting look in your eyes.
I will never stop fighting for the right to love you.

-  Semantic Field of Computing, which links to the futuristic theme of the poem.
-  Semantic Field of Fire and Hell
-  Title of Poem
-  Creates an two opposing sides
-  Enjambment

1488 is a combination of two popular white supremacist numeric symbols. The first symbol is 14, which is shorthand for the "14 Words" slogan: "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children." The second is 88, which stands for "Heil Hitler" (H being the 8th letter of the alphabet).

The starting lines of each stanza has a reference to the time, whether that be asking whether racism is 'nature' or nature, whether racism has been there since the beginning of time, or referencing the 'years continuing', or a 'calmer time' or when the couple from the poem first met.

8841

Reasoning behind the particular numbers for the title.
It's a popular white supremacist number, but backwards to fit with the futuristic timeline.

Programmed or human nature
To focus in on the finer unimportant details.
Just a continuous sequence caused by us.
How cruel a world this is.

Is racism nature or nurture?

'Unimportant details'- race of people

But now, even in 8841, years continuing
They separate us.

Enjambment

Creates an 'us' and 'them'- two opposing sides.

They don't view us as equals, my love,
Love shall blaze a way to stop this Hell.

Memory of a calmer time. Erased.
Bit by bit, our eternity will begin.
Burning down their wall,
Fire will rise, for all to see.

Links to a firewall being 'Their' Protection, keeping the opposition safe.

Looking up from Hell

I still remember the time we first met,
While here I am. Struggling for air. I look up to you
and see the wild fighting look in your eyes.
I will never stop fighting for the right to love you.

Him dying :)

Fire needs oxygen to live.

Narrator dying at the end shows that sacrifices and hard work are needed for a change. And you have to be willing to give your all if you truly want a change.

In this world you only have the right to marry someone of your own race, not a different one.

This isn't a religious poem, it just uses the theme of Hell, to show what could be if we don't rise and take action.

The last line of each stanza always has a reference to something bad, first it starting off with 'cruelty', then references to 'Hell' and then to causing actual damage by 'Fire'. The last line of the last stanza refers to pain of fighting to the point where he is losing his life, and yet things in our world still aren't the way they should be.

In stanza three, the quote 'calmer time' refers to the women, the narrators 'love' and how before all the conflict she was a more peaceful person, and later on in the poem refers to her as having a 'wild' look in her eyes. The conflict has changed her. Referencing this back to racism, it shows that when someone deals with racism it can leave everlasting scars.

There is a futuristic theme to show how I believe that true equality between the races can never exist, we can fight for a better life, but racism will always exist. There will always be racism, and there will always be people fighting against racism in many years to come.

The poem is about a man and women in love (white male, black women). And their journey while fighting for the right to get married to a different race, because in this world that right hasn't been granted yet. And them wondering if the issue of racism will ever be fixed. They fight for the right to be equal between all races. From first glance, you wouldn't be able to tell the poem is about racism, I wanted to show how even subtle racism can have major impacts on people. How racism can change people. How loves have been lost because of humanities inability to stop judging people based on the colour of their skin.

Murz

What is Racism?

Racism is hatred,
Racism is violence
Racism leads the world to be silenced.

Racism is PTSD,
Racism is choking you under the knee.
Racism is when the colour of your skin,
Determines your life and not what's within.

Racism stops people from coming together,
haunting you forever and ever...
Racism is what killed George Floyd, Daunte Wright, Andre Hill, Breanna Taylor,
Phillandro Castille and all the other fallen angels.

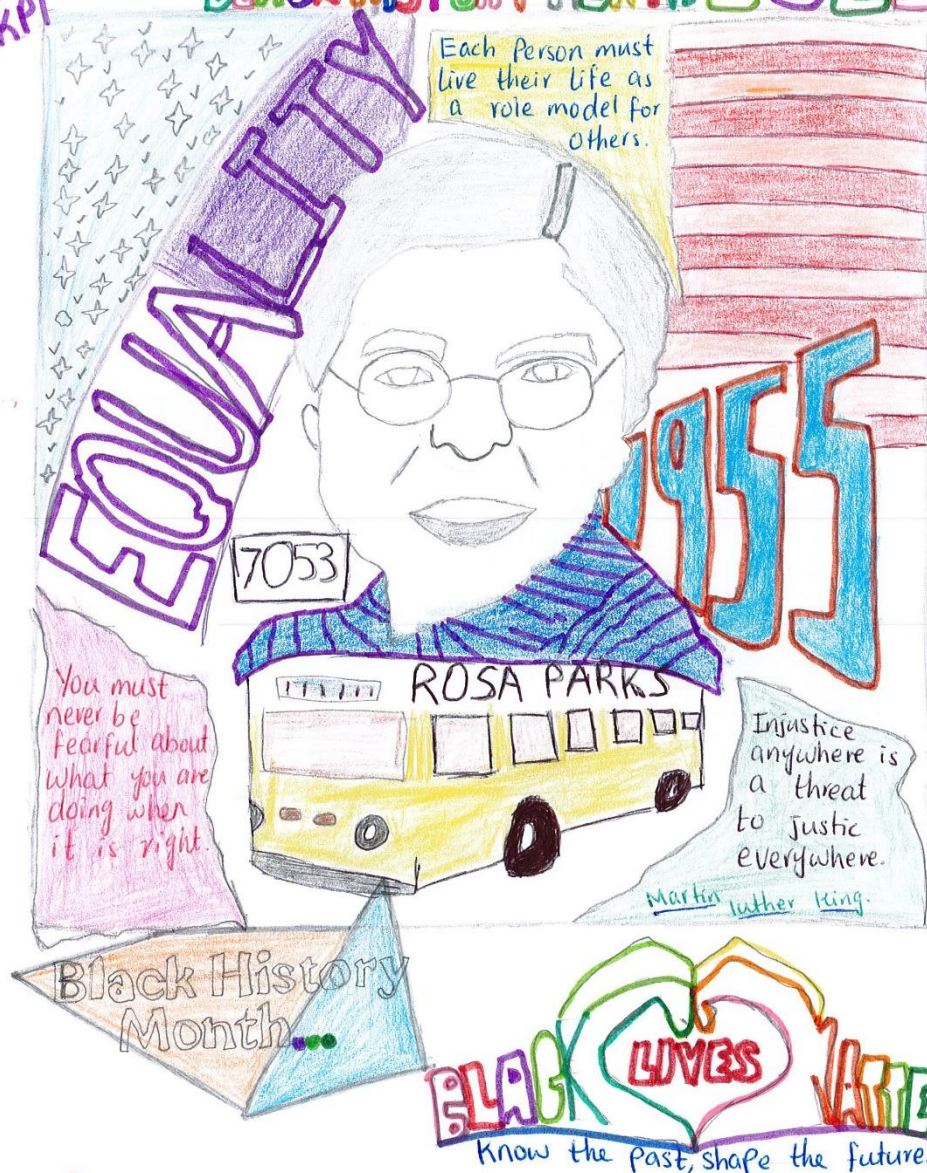
We may all be different and
we should celebrate diversity,
But we have to remember that
We are all members of one community.

Alice Pautz, Yr. 9.



Rabia
Zahoor
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Precious words from Precious People...

It takes more than one person to bring about Peace—it takes all of us.

Rosa Parks

We can change the world & make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.

Nelson Mandela

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better.

Robert Kennedy

Rabia, I am in year 9 from Falinge



IN HONOUR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

LET'S TAKE SOME TIME AND REMEMBER
THESE PEOPLE WHO HAD FOUGHT
FOR CHANGE AND FOR WHAT IS
RIGHT

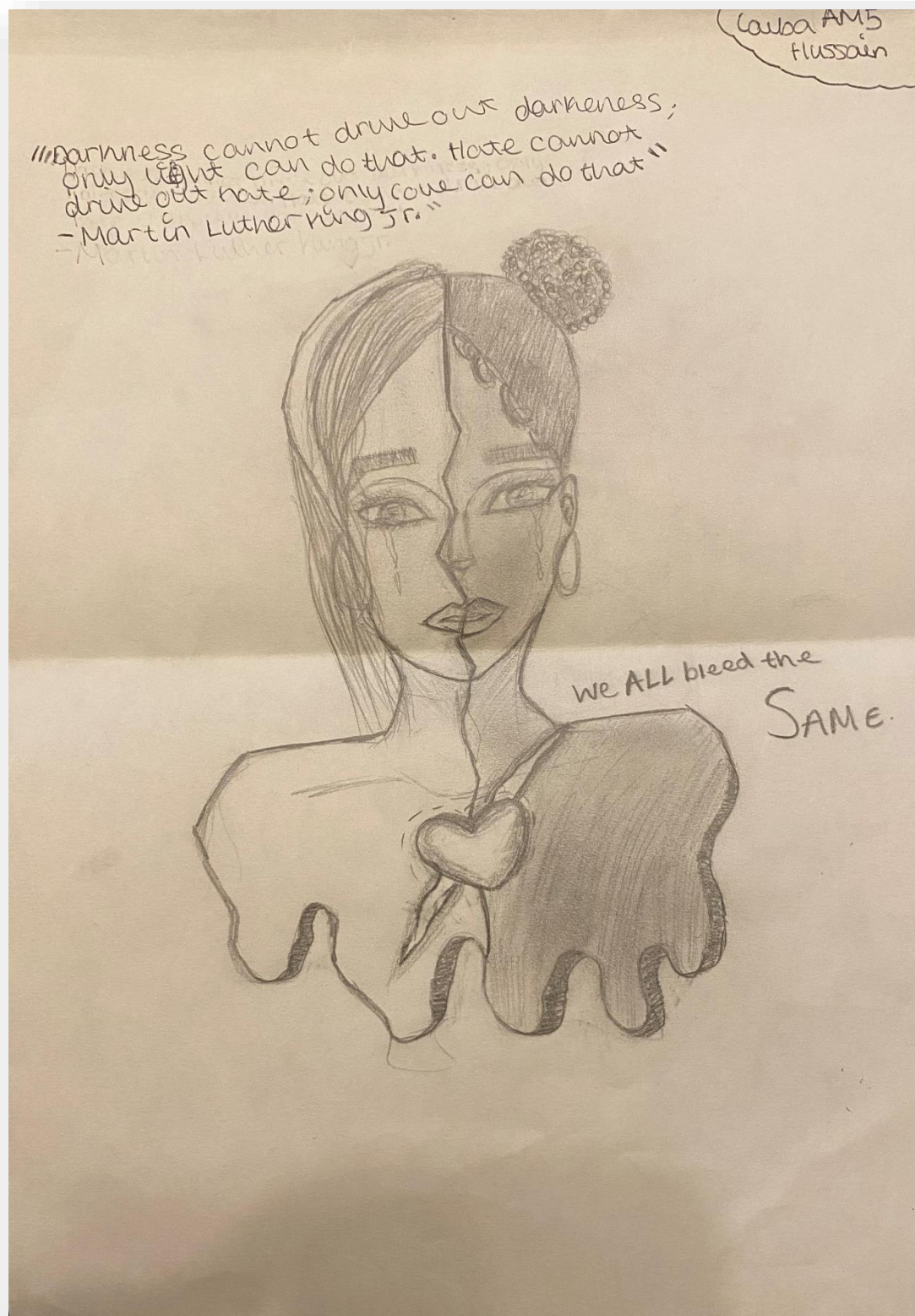
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Syeda Jubeda Khatun
Year 9 Student

I think Racism is wrong because
it is criticising them for who they
are and what they are. ~~Everyone~~ Everyone is
Human no one is different we all are
equal. People are people and if you don't
respect them that's you but racism is
~~wrong~~ wrong. People need to respect others for
who they are and what they are. I want
to change lives and minds from being
mean to being kind. Black lives
matter all lives matter no
matter who you are. ~~The~~ Life
is life respect it but being racist
is wrong.

Teyla



Laiba Hussain

I AM, TOO, HUMAN!

**Monochrome is all you see
When all we want is equality
Wake up!**

We are marching for:

Sean Rigg

Simeon Francis

Joy Gardner

George Floyd

It breaks my heart that the list still goes on,

Black is not a threat, Black is not harm

Black is peace, black is calm,

**Blm painted on the streets but justice is What we
want to see,**

**We can wait no longer to take a stand, Justice for
all is what we demand!**

**Not all Jews are against Palestine, not all Black
are criminals, not all Muslims are Terrorists,**

No race is superior,

**Children aren't blind whatever they see will never
rewind,**

**Keep in your mind without black in the Night sky
what star will ever shine,**

Us as a team must fight for what's right!

Racism WILL end but until then Black Lives Matter.





**Abrar Abadi
Malaikah Insar
Amara Mubashir
Yr 7 , Falinge Park High School, 7DH06**



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDUTgGc_uYM

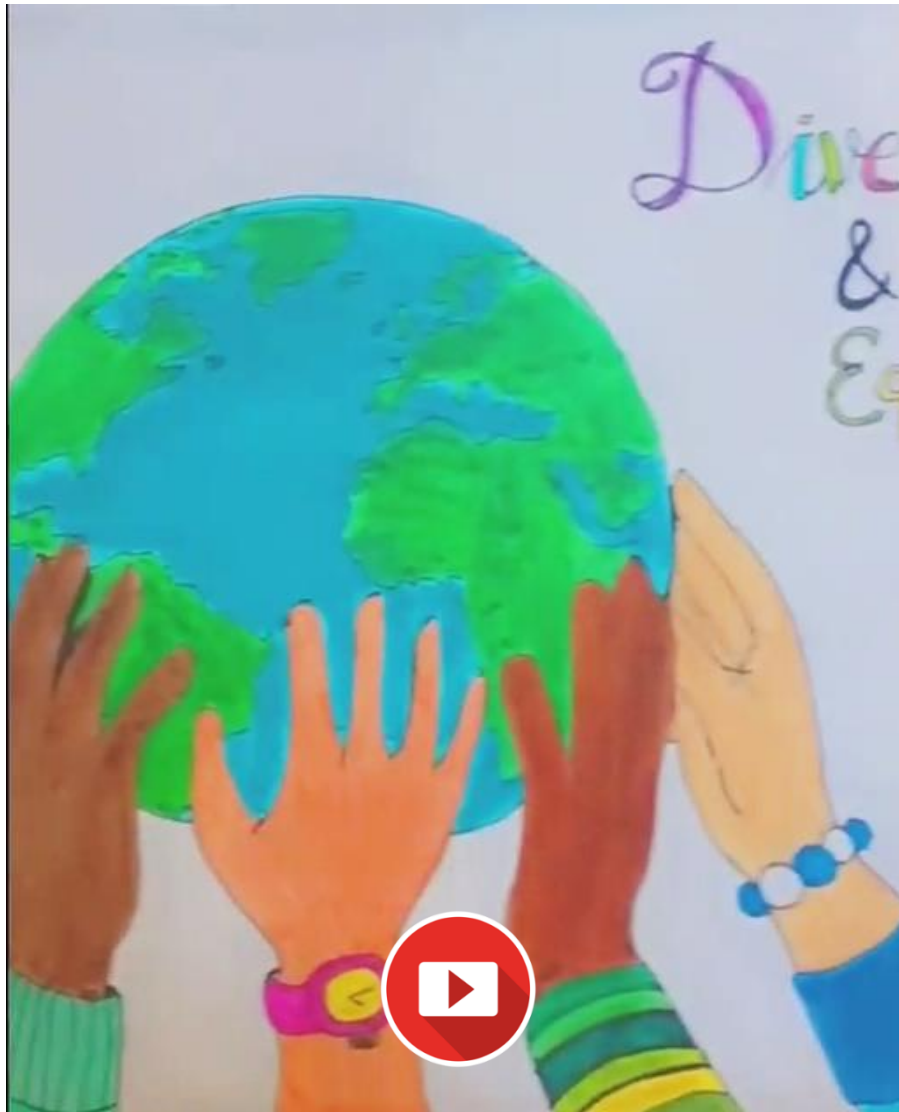
Sara Arshad Khan Naheed
Bolton College

ALLIED AGAINST --- RACISM



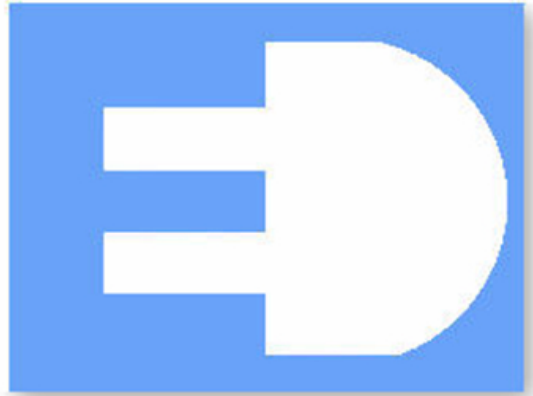
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