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A Writer's Right

I write right 'cause I have the right to
 Just like you
 And the person next to you
 I also have the right 2 right the wrongs and
 Give these kids a new song
 Maybe even give them faith
 Faith and hope of a brighter day
 Because every person has something to say
 Just like the guy on that one day
 When he stood up to say I have a dream!
 He gave me faith to sing
 But until then I'll just stick to doing my thing
 Righting rights because I have the right to
 So thank you and good rights too

Rashida Simpson

The name on my birth certificate is Rashida Simpson. And I blow out many candles on January 22nd. I was born in Santa Monica and The Lady who brought me in to this world is Rhonda Early. I love her more than anything in this world. When I came to the Poetry Program at Cajon High School I was in the 9th grade. Yes, I was a fresh chick.



The way I write is Angelic like night
 You can't stop the flow cause the rhythm is right
 I flow like a dove in the sky soaring above all the problems
 Behind nothing can hold me back
 I have the right to my education
 So of course imma fight
 You may say there's nothing out there to write
 You're wrong because the air you breathe
 You can turn into a song
 So the next time you're blank in the head
 Just remember the world is your canvas
 Don't be scared

Amber Robinzine

I am 15 years of age and currently enrolled at Cajon High School. I live in San Bernardino. After completing high school I plan on attending Spellman, USC or Whittier College. I'm not sure what major I'll pursue. I may major in Business or Writing. My goal is to leave San Bernardino, become famous and then come back to San Bernardino and start a youth program.



*I write because it feels right
I write every day and every night
Writing is my favorite, my right
This is a right that I will continue to fight for
This is how I express myself
Writing is what I need when I need help
This is me when I write
And if you don't like what I write
That's yo right*

Ashely Robinzine

My name is Ashely Robinzine. I am currently thirteen, but on July 27, I'll be fourteen. I go to Shandin Hills Middle School in San Bernardino. I'm currently an eighth grader and I can't wait to go to high school. One of my goals is to leave San Bernardino and come back to inspire others. My career goal is to become a lawyer. But I love to sing and I actually know how to sing. One day I am going to help people and help them express their feelings through poetry.



It's my right to write what I feel like
Whether I'm wrong or right
My flow is always tight
I reached the top of my height
My words married to the mic
So that I'm right about what I write
All of our lyrics is so outta sight
So step up on this mic
And we will show you how to roc it right

Dominic Fredieu

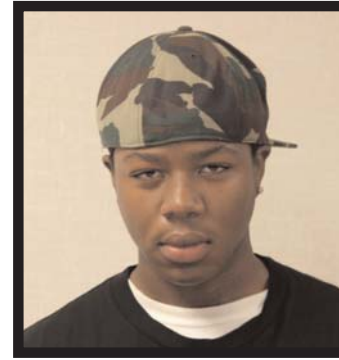
My name is Dominic aka "Domo". I am an R&B artist and I am in the 11th grade. I go to North High School and music is basically life to me. I first discovered my voice when I was 15 years old. Growing up, I've always had a passion for music. That is why music is life to me.



*I write the right because I'm happy
I write the right I feel like
I write to fight for our rights
I write for the right to be cool
Because we can be
And it's all right*

Rakayla Simpson

I was born in Santa Monica April 17, 1997. I attend Rio Vista Elementary School. I am 11 years old and I like basketball, baseball, soccer and volleyball.



I get right when I write/
Change the mind of a hater/ when
My pen hits the paper/battle in/while
Ink babblin'/mentally travelin'/on the/
First day I was born/I was a
Young god then/not doin' wat's
Expected of me/is wat I call sin/
I won't tell u again/cause u
Should already know it/knowledge
The young god/a real street poet/

Donte Generett

Thank You

4 allowing your eyes to gaze upon the readings of just a few of our young talented writers in the community. What you have come across is the Say It Out Loud Poetry Slam Anthology. This collection of poetry is written by students that took the eight-session Let's Write Out Loud Poetry Program held at the Family Resource Center in San Bernardino, CA and performed these original pieces in the Say It Loud Poetry Slam.

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In between these pages are poems from just a few of our young, talented writers in the community.

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