

Blackness

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I am more than my blackness
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I am my kindness
I am my creativity
I am my ability to smile in the face of the difficulties thrust upon me by a social system designed to incarcerate my mind, my body, and my soul
I am more than my blackness
I am my compassion
I am my sensitivity
I am the cumulation of every second, minute, hour, day, week, month, year, and decade, on this big ball of mud we call the planet earth
I am more than my blackness
I am my humanity
I am universal oneness, chi, ki, spirit, soul, essence, quintessence, life force, psyche, aura, god!
I am more than my blackness
And although I am more than my blackness, I love my blackness
I revere my blackness, I embrace my blackness, I understand my blackness
But, I am more than my blackness
I am more than blackness, like you are more than your Whiteness, Asianess, Arabness, or any otherness we decide to make ourselves that separates us from what we really are
I am more than my blackness
I am a son, a brother, cousin, uncle, nephew, a human being
I am more than my blackness
I am me!