

## A VISION UNFOLDING

### Reach Down, Lord

Reach down, Lord.  
Reach your justice down.  
When we walk on the broken road,  
Reach your justice down.

If we stumble into the pit  
And the dark is all we see,  
Reach below and lift us up;  
Reach your justice down.

Reach down, Lord.  
Reach your justice down.  
When we walk in the shadow of death,  
Reach your justice down.

—Robert Bode

### All of Me

Look at my skin.  
Do you see only skin, or the soul within...  
do you see what's true?

Look who I love.  
Do you view me as less,  
like none of the rest of me  
matters to you?

Turn off the talk on the air,  
and the voices who seem to just care  
about dividing and hiding us where  
you won't see.

Look at my faith.  
Do you see my creed, and choose to believe  
that's all of me?

Look at my vote.  
On that alone are you likely to show  
contempt for me?

You don't have to see.  
But if you take the time to look at me,  
you'll see the same fears and a good heart,  
and the same tears that tear you apart.  
See the same love, the same hope,  
the same need, the same joy.

So look at my skin.  
See the skin and the soul within.  
See what's true.

Look who I love.  
And see my faith and my vote,  
but not those alone,  
seek to know me, too.

Turn up the voices of truth.  
Learn to let mercy through.  
Love will guide us to  
a world where we  
see.  
All of me.

Turn and see.  
Will you see?  
All of me.

—Kyle Pederson

## Light Transforms the Darkness

Light transforms the darkness, so go, go and let your light out.  
Love is what we harness, so go, go and live your love out.  
We are all unified by the way our heart beats,  
what you feel, I feel.  
Different palettes and hues and variety,  
the Creator's tapestry.  
We need to see the light,  
don't let the darkness hide our humanity.

This is a calling.

We were blinded by hate we were taught to believe.  
That's not how it should be.  
If my brother or sister is chained  
there's no way I can say I'm free.  
We are the change we need,  
so that equality can be reality.

spoken word:

Calling you to set your heart ablaze,  
raise the torch, pave the way.  
so all can say, "I am free!"  
Calling for all to have the ability to dream,  
to see ourselves in every being.  
I want you to be free.

For all to find home  
wherever they may go.  
Step into action, words no longer hollow,  
We will fight for you to be free.

Called to stand for all  
races, abilities,  
religions, identities,  
no matter who you love,  
you are worthy.  
You deserve to be free.

I will fight for you to be free.  
This is our calling.  
We are invited into each other's life,  
We are called to live love.  
Called to be that light.

—Shanelle Gabriel

## I Dream a World

I dream a world where one  
no other one will scorn,  
where love will bless the earth  
and peace its paths adorn

I dream a world where all  
will know sweet freedom's way,  
where greed no longer saps the soul  
nor avarice blights our day.

A world I dream where black or white,  
whatever race you be,  
will share the bounties of the earth  
and every one is free,

Where wretchedness will hang its head.  
And joy, like a pearl,  
Attends the needs of all humankind.  
Of such I dream, my world!

—Langston Hughes