# African American Reflections

#### **IMAGINE ME**

IMAGINE ME AS BRIGHT AS...

-A RAINBOW IN THE SKY

-THE SUN SHINING IN THE DAWN

-A SHIRT OF NEON COLORS

-GOLD GLISTENING IN THE SUNLIGHT
IMAGINE ME!
IMAGINE ME AS BROWN AS...

-A SEA OF ROOTBEER

-A FRESHLY MADE MUD PIE

-CHOCOLATE DRIPPING DOWN

A MOUNTAIN OF ICE CREAM

-MY CUTE LITTLE TEDDYBEAR
IMAGINE ME!
IMAGINE ME AS LOUD AS...

-CRICKETS CHIRPING ON A QUIET NIGHT
-MY STOMACH GROWLING WHEN
I'M IN CHURCH

-STAIRS CREAKING WHEN I SNEAK OUT THE ROOM -THE "SHHHH SHHHH'S" OF MRS. THOMPSON IN THE LIBRARY

IMAGINE ME! Tamia A. Drayton age 10 Buckman School Portland, Oregon

### I'm Free-

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free, I'm following the pass God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that place at the closing of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

ah yes... these things I too will miss.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undone grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me, now he set me free.

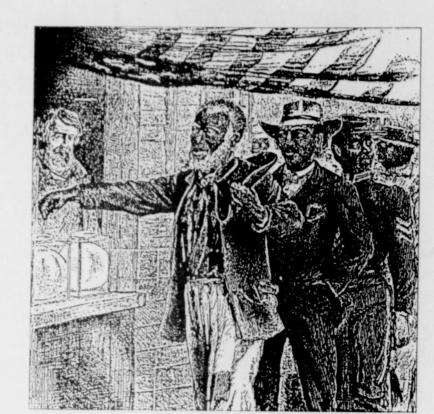
dedicated to, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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POETRY IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH presented by

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This illustration depicts the first Black vote in America and appeared in an 1867 issue of Harper's magazine.

## PDC Salutes Black History Month February 1992

We urge all Portlanders to take part in community activities planned in celebration of Black History Month. By attending, we can all gain knowledge and appreciation of the rich cultural and ethnic diversity in our city.



## Food, Folks and The Future:

1992 "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow"



The next Marva Collins, Colin Powell, or Barbara Jordan easily might come from ten of the country's most talented teens recently named national winners in the 1992 "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow" program. They are successfully balancing academics, community service and career-focused activities, which make them leaders among black youth.

"McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow" program salutes leadership, high character, and exceptional scholarship among outstanding high school juniors. In 1988, McDonald's created the Black History Month program, which pays homage to the past while focusing on the future. Determined to make a significant mark on the future, each student submitted an application and 500-word essay entitled, "How I Plan to Make an Impact on Black History," and each role they will play.

"These ten dynamic young people are high scholastic achieves, but they've also demonstrated serious concern for and strong commitment to shaping America's future," said Ed Rensi, president of McDonald's USA.

During Black History Month, McDonald's national television and magazine advertising will feature the 1992 "McDonald's Black History Makers of tomorrow." Additionally, the 10 national winners and five national semi-finalists will attend McDonald's Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., where they will meet some of the nation's foremost educational, civic, business and political leaders. The students also will be special guests on "Teen Summit," Black Entertainment Television (BET) weekly talk show.

The 1992 "McDonald's Black
History Makers of Tomorrow" are:
Kim Augustine, Houston, TX
Dyanne P. Christian, Detroit, MI
Nisha S. Hitchman, Miami, FL
Vanessa K. Linder, Austin, TX
William R. Robinson, Franksville, WI
Symonne Sims, Upland, CA
Martin P. Griffin, Racine, WI
Christopher L. Turner, San Antonio,
TX

Kristin L. Vinson, Fort Worth, TX Kenyon A. Warren, Dublin, OH The five national semi-finalists are: Jennifer Bush, Indianapolis, IN Rhondee Johnson, Washington, D.C. Felicia Jones, Augusta, GA Jennifer Miles, Midlothian, VA Adrienne Perkins, Gastonia, NC

McDonald's is the world's leading food service organization, with more than 12,000 restaurants in the United States and around the world. Over seventy-five percent of McDonald's restaurant businesses are locally owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs.

# Supporting Our Scholars of Tomorrow...Today.



If we are to have scientists, engineers and other professionals for tomorrow, we must start today.

Our nation's future depends on its greatest natural resource, our young people. And their key to the future is education.

But many students simply can't afford to attend college. Government cutbacks in education support, fewer student loans and rising costs have combined to limit access to a college education for many minority students who need financial assistance.

That's why Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation continues to support educational opportunities with contributions to the United Negro College Fund and directly supports institutions of higher learning that serve minority students. Our commitment to UNCF is only part of Brown & Williamson's, and our employees' grants to education.

We know these future leaders, now studying in colleges and universities across the country, need our help. Given the opportunity, these young people will excel and secure a brighter future for themselves and for all of us.



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