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Atonement

October 16, 1995, is the historic

day when African American men

gathered in one place, in one spirit,

(The Pilgrim Press; 1996)

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standing on the shoulders of Moses, Marcus, Martin, Malcolm, and Mandela.

These are the stories of the men who were there - moving, spiritfilled accounts, in their own words,

But these men are not merely reminiscing. They look to the future and ask, What now? What can ATONEMENT

we do in our own lives, what commitments can we make to our loved ones and our communities, to bring about genuine change? This is the real challenge - the enduring legacy - of the Million Man March.

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that share the indelible experiences of this remarkable gathering.

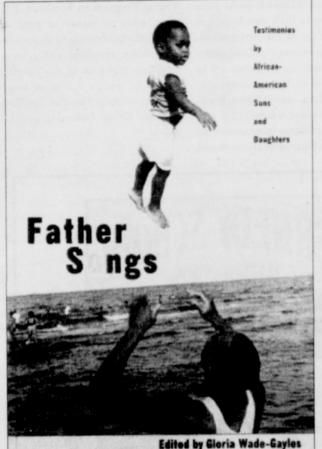
The Million Man March and with a single purpose: to atone.

They assembled in Washington,

D.C., one million strong, rich and

poor, young and old, gay and

straight, Muslim and Christian,



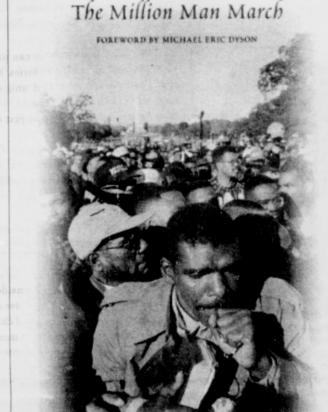
Father Songs Testimonies by African-American Sons and Daughters

(Beacon Press; 1997) BY GLORIA WADE-GAYLES

Loving, enraged, wounded, heroic. These are our fathers, our black fathers. In startlingly beautiful prose, poetry, and fiction some of our most gifted writers - including John Edgar Wideman, Malcolm X, Audre Lorde, Toi Derricotte, Ntozake Shange, Charles Braxton, Manning Marable, Mary Helen Washington, and Dolores Kendricks - pay tribute to the complex relationship between sons, daughters, and the first and most important man in their lives.

Some search for their fathers in painful memories that haunt them from childhood through adolescence into their own parenthood; others celebrate their fathers' lives and the gifts their fathers gave them and their own parenthood; others celebrate their fathers' lives and the gifts their fathers gave them and their own children. Despite the enormous range of experiences, each writer affirms the central role this relationship has played in their lives.

Father Songs offers forgiveness for past mistakes and an invitation to new beginnings. A much-needed book, it promises to bring black men and women together as fathers, daughters, and sons - as family.





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