Poetry Prompt #2
Due May 15th

Welcome to the #DewMoreInTheHouse youth poetry challenge! We hope that you will share your poem with us.

Rules & Eligibility

1. For 5th-12th graders only
2. Must reside in Baltimore City or surrounding Baltimore County
3. Poem must be original: completely thought up and produced by the youth (5th-12th grader) entering. You can be inspired by another written work, but cannot copy or plagiarize words of another.
4. No profanity
5. We are humbled that you would take the time to share your beautiful and original poem with us, but submissions after the due date are not eligible for a prize. Please look out for other poetry prompts throughout July and submit a new piece for those challenges!
6. If you win 1st place, you must sit out one round before entering again.

How to Enter!

1. Click [here](#) to fill out the registration form and choose “Youth Poetry Challenge (5th-12th Graders ONLY)”. Feel free to also click on the other options if you're interested in participating.
2. WRITTEN: Submit your poem to info@dewmorebaltimore.org
   VIDEO: A) Follow us @dewmorepoetry B) Post it on your Instagram IGTV 📺 with #DewMoreInTheHouse. C) Be sure to make your page is public for judges on the submission date
3. If you feel comfortable, also post the zip code(s) that you live in. This helps us to continue with our community programs and outreach.
4. All writing or performance styles are welcome! See samples below for ideas.
5. Winners will be announced within 2 days after the due date.
6. If you are a winner, you will be contacted to collect your information to receive your prize. Remember: you can win just by entering!
7. Stay tuned to get the next challenges due the 15th and 30th/31st of each month through July 15th. Follow us on IG, Facebook for other opportunities.

Thank you for being bold and taking the time to share your work!
Poetry Challenge Prompt #2 & Description

How do you define yourself when a world that mainly operates in categories no longer exists? Or do you _undefine_ yourself? When being in the house all day, do you feel you are missing out? Or do you feel something is missing?

**Scenario**

The world changed overnight. What if it was _YOU_ that changed and you woke up with a key part of your identity missing or transformed?

What is the identity that you hold dearest, or furthest away?

Write a poem about waking up one day and no longer having that identity (or it is deeply transformed)

Or in general about how you define yourself.

**Questions to ask yourself:**

How would your world change? How would people treat you differently?

How would you see yourself?

**Tools and ideas to help inspire your original poem**

**Poem in relation to this topic:** *Read this poem to help brainstorm ideas about your new poem.*

*What Would I Do White* by June Jordan

What would I do white?
What would I do clearly full
of not exactly beans nor
pearls my nose a manicure
my eyes a picture of your wall?

I would disturb the streets by
passing by so pretty kids
on stolen petty cash would look
at me like foreign
writing in the sky

I would forget my furs on any chair.
I would ignore the doormen at the knob
the social sanskrit of my life
unwilling to disclose my cosmetology,
I would forget.

Over my wine I would acquire
I would inspire big returns to equity
the equity of capital I am
accustomed to accept
like wintertime.

I would do nothing.
That would be enough.

**Songs in relation to the topic:**

1. “Broke” by Samm Henshaw
2. “If I Were a Boy” by Beyoncé

Peace,