

100% Us:
A Collection of Poems
from Skeels-Mathews
Community Center
2021

Dear Readers,

For eight weeks, I've had the absolute pleasure to undertake a poetry journey with Skeels-Mathews Center facilitated by the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University.



We've learned in poetry that you can be anything. We've learned in poetry that there is always a recipe for a feeling. We've learned in poetry that there is always a chance to try something new. However, the best way to describe poetry at its fullest is through reading these poems created by Skeels-Mathews students and teachers with the intention to share their thoughts of the world with you. Readers, these poems are the result of a writing journey fueled by creativity, passion, and ideas, and we'd be more than happy to share them with you.

The tremendous support from the Skeels-Mathew staff has made this journey possible. Each workshop session, I've always felt at home and a part of your community. Thank you for welcoming me with open arms and allowing me to practice and share my passion.

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Where I'm From

Skeels-Mathews Students

I'm from playing tag with friends
Roblox on the slide
counting down from 80 to find
my friends in the woods
fidgets and pop-its
seeking the eight-ball
waffles glazed over with syrup
with a side of apple juice.
and writing about where I'm from.

20-Trillion-Percent Me

Dominic

50% kind of nice
100% calls me Dom
700% the love of christ
200% love
600% love god
60% love everyone for you
70% to be kind
80% making sure people are doing good
40% kind to adults

Ode To Water Bottle

Jackson Brown

When I'm thirsty you
take it away faster
than the light of day.
You make our mouths
cool so please
don't be a fool.



Bucket List Poem

Jackson Brown

I want to go to the moon and jump.
I want to go to Russia in all its glory.
I want to win a million dollars and share it.
I want to help the earth be good again.
I want to have a pet T-Rex if they were alive.
I want to go over 100 miles per hour.
We all can't live forever
but we can do things with our lives.

Recipe for Peace

Julian Jones

3 cups of love
1 cup of being thankful for life
4 cups of hugs
9 cups of self confidence
7 cups of forgiveness
10 cups of caring for others
6 cups of being strong
5 cups of heartwarming compliments
12 cups of joy

Bucket List

Zamaya Stone

One, become an influencer.
Two, meet other celebrities or TikTok influencers.
Three, I want to go to Miami, Florida.
Four, I want to meet my favorite TikTokers.
Five, I want to go to Atlanta with my favorite TikTokers.
Six, I want to go to Philly and Los Angeles.
Seven, I want to make a house in Florida.

100% Me

Princess Williams

10% crazy

80% soccer

50% smile because when I smile
my face will glow up

60% mean because people can
get on my nerves easily

80% helper because I like
to help people

Want To Be

Jeremiah Gibson

I want to be a cheetah so I can
run fast and dash through the
African jungle.

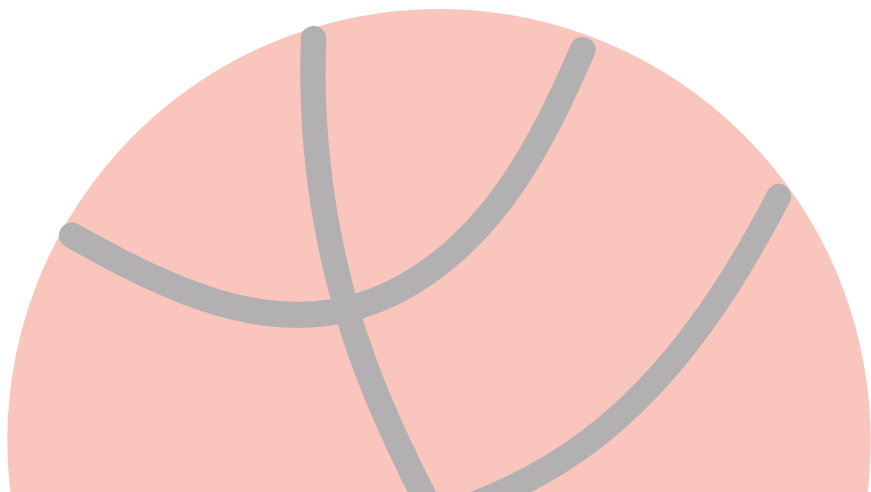
I want to be a tran to lead you
on the right track.

I want to be the basketball
that you use to play with.

I want to be a star to shine
bright and goes away
in the morning.

I want to be a pen that you
write with.

I want to be a door that you
close and open.



100% Of Me

Marcus Sanders

100% placekicker in soccer
50% sensitive because I get sad easily
67% computer
82% hip-hop while sometimes watching Tik-Tok
50% Skeels Mathews Center going to the center
in the winter
100% going to the center to learn and sometimes
its bad and good
50% engineer



Ode To Lisa

Victoria England

Lisa has red hair
My mom has red hair
just like Lisa
Lisa can do a cartwheel
just like me
Lisa makes me happy
just like my mom!

Kids Making Bracelets

Marcus Sanders

The kids go to school to
make bracelets with each other
to have fun with their
friends and family. The bracelets
are for remembering each other.
The kids make bracelets for
each other to see each other
in the future.

1000% Me

David

100% point guard

1000% Lil Baby, especially when I'm going crazy

10% chill only when I'm lazy

10% center sometimes in the winter

1000% adventure only at the center

70% fights

Where I'm From

Ava Shrewberry

I'm from laying in my bed

watching YouTube and Tiktok

I mostly watch Tiktok and learn
the dances.

I'm from having six girl bestfriends
and three guy best friends.

I'm from having too many laughing
problems.

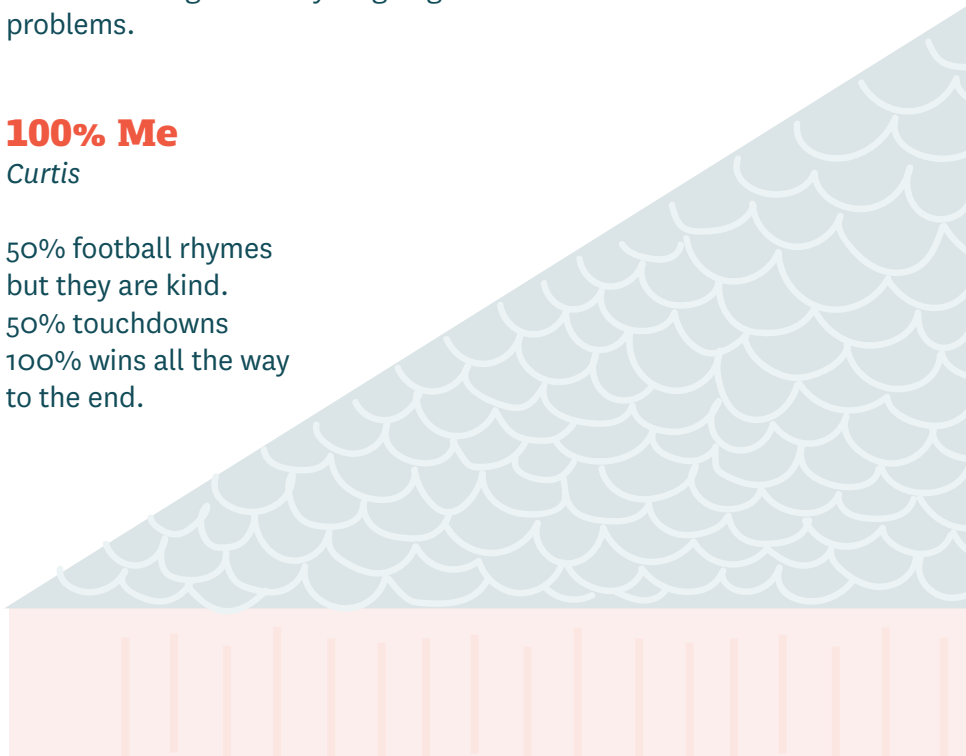
100% Me

Curtis

50% football rhymes
but they are kind.

50% touchdowns

100% wins all the way
to the end.



100% Me

Rai

100% pretty beads
100% likes to lead
100% love the park
but not when the mean dogs bark.

Ode to Isaiah

Skeels-Matthews Students

You keep a smile on your face,
you are kind and magnificent and
you have a very professional
pace. Great to be around and humble;
you keep us all from troubles and fumbles.
He's so cool and smart and big
You love all the little kids.

Come Dance With Me

Deseree Perry

Come dance with me
my sistas
The dance of a humble pace
Thanking God for his
amazing grace
Swaying like the weeping
willow trees my sistas
Thanking Jesus for he is the
power that be.
Dance in sync sistas from
side to side.
We can dance because we
put our pride aside.
Now nothing but peace and
grace shall abide.

The Formula Of Everything Nice

Trevor Daniels

To have a formula of everything nice
first you need to have the ingredients.
It is the most important part. First,
you will add basics like a dab of
greatness and a gallon of trust
and then add a dash of restoration
and a slap of making the best of the
time you have. An ounce of life and
time, a pound of being blessed by
our only and hold lord, a cup of
being forgiving to have another
day to live. Add a little bit more of
loving the ones around you.

I'm From

Jean Ann

Walking to and from school
tickling the ivories
rehearsing with the strings
figuring out where the gaps are and why.

Recipe For Sadness

Phoenix Dion

If someone you love dies, you cry.
After the day the person dies
it starts to rain.
After it rains, you see a unicorn
on a rainbow and it makes me
happy.



Before I Grow Up

Phoenix Dion

Before I grow up I want to
make a giant slime that is as
big as a bouncy house.
I want to buy a life size
catwoman toy and hundreds
of cats and dogs.
I want to have a phone
that has GPS so I can
go to DisneyLand or World
I want to beat my nine-year-old
brother in a video game.

A Recipe for Protecting

Hulk Hunter

1 cup of fighting bad guys
2 cups of driving people to safety
A dash of helping people
A pinch of helping a person across the street
A tablespoon of working together.

If I Were

Linda Woods

If I were a peacock
I would be very brilliant.
If I were a peacock
I would be very colorful.
If I were a peacock
I would be very fancy.
If I were a peacock
I would be unique.
Only if I were a peacock.

I Want To Be

Mikhaila Purkiss

I want to be a elephant because
they are very unique!
They are a very special animal.
I want to be a bird so I can fly
through the sky!
I want to be a bunny so I can
hop away with all your problems
and fears. I want to be a lion so
I can roar louder than my enemies
I want to be a wolf so I can help
my family! I want to be a Sun so I
can shine brighter than my enemies!

Where I'm From

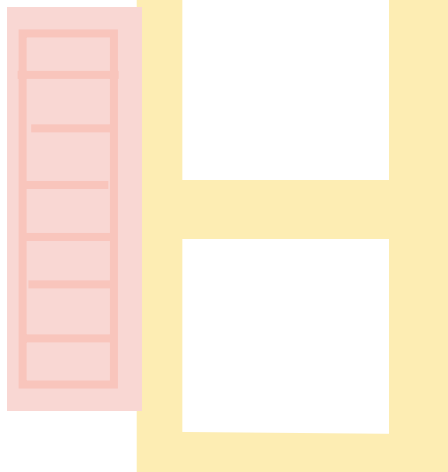
Paula Woods

I'm from Sunday nights
with delicious food on the table.
I'm from Giant Eagle working every night.
I'm from Walmart buying \$1 products.
I'm from eating cake and cupcakes.
I'm from a busy life.

I Want To Be

Paula Woods

I want to be a cheetah
so I can win races.
I want to be a furry coat
so I can warm people up.
I want to be a bright
shiny light to guide people.



Recipe For Christmas Day

David

Add a dash of Christmas love.
Add a liter of presents.
Add a gallon of family coming.
Add 3 cups of playing secret santa.
Add 3 cups of feeding the homeless.
Stir in diapers for my baby brother.
Add a dash of snow and
1 cup of loudness.

100% Thing About Me

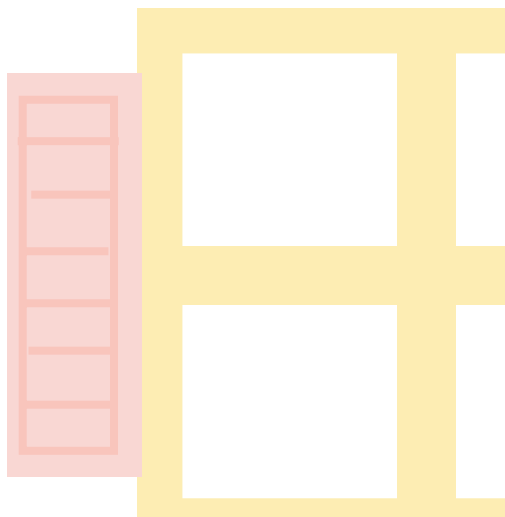
Jay'onna Bowen

I'm 100% nice
sometimes 99% mean.
I'm 100% happy always
to see dad.

I Want To Be

Antwaun Campbell

I want to be a pilot
To fly a plane
and give my mom
a lot of money
to change her life.
These are the things
I would like to do.



I Want To Be

Dale Kenneth

I want to be a dog
so I can bark at
cats and tomatoes.
I want to be a dog
chasing all of
my friends.

I Want To Be

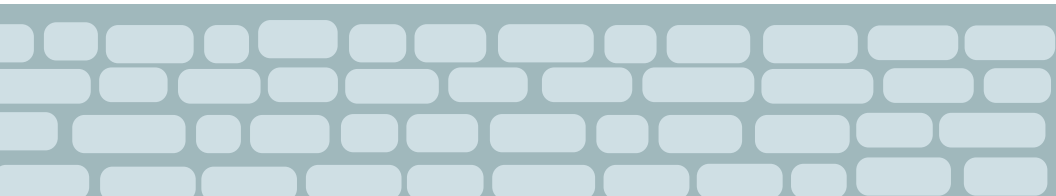
Queen

Be a police officer
Be a Firefighter
Go to Chuck. E. Cheese
Go to Florida to Disney
Get in a pool.

What I Like

Lady Torpe

I like to walk on the bridge
I like the moon
I like a bird
I like a tree
I like to dance
I like the star
I like to speak!



Things I Want To Do

Anabella Taylor

Have bobba tea.

Have 10k robux

Have a pet fish named bobbles

I want to have my B-day everyday.

I want to go to DisneyLand.

This is what I want to do!

100% Mrs. Marilyn

Skeels-Mathews Students

90% nice

100% loves serving Christ

50% musically inclined
with gospel and country
on her mind.

50% sunbathing in the sunshine

100% making sure the children
at Skeels are safe.

Recipe for Chocolate Pie

Lady Torpe

All you need is

chocolates

and strawberries!



I Want To Be

Trevor Daniels

—Skeels-Matthews Community
Center Summer Camp

I want to be a Sun
bright, shiny, and round
I come for the day and
leave for the night.
I want to be the window
you look out every day.
I want to be the
basketball that you
use to win the game
I want to be the glasses
you wear so you can see
your future is clear.
I want to be the cup of water
to give you a fresh new taste.
I want to be the cake
that you reward yourself
after you win.
I want to be your
#1 fan when you win or lose
I want to be a spring
to spring you on
when you are at
your lowest.



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