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# INTRODUCTION

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We began this year’s program with a poem by Brooklyn-born poet Martin Espada called “The Republic of Poetry,” where Espada imagines a world in which poetry is everywhere. The title for this year’s anthology was inspired by Espada’s poem, and by the enormous wealth of poetry and poets in Brooklyn—among them, these creative young voices at IS 392.

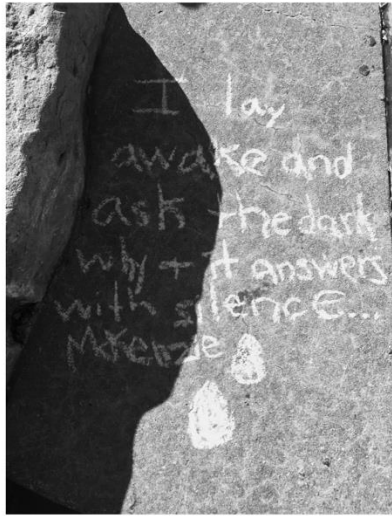
Throughout our weeks together, we took inspiration from the city, and in particular, from Brooklyn and its literary tradition. In one class, students wrote poems outside on the school’s sidewalks, which you’ll see captured in photos throughout these pages. We read and listened to a poem by Joshua Bennett called “16 Bars for Kendrick Lamar,” then wrote our own poems in praise or contemplation of a person, place, or thing. You’ll find many of those poems as you read this anthology. Students also explored the visual side of poetry by creating maps that reveal their own perspectives, experiences, and interactions with Brooklyn. We read a poem by Jamila Woods called “Daddy Dozens,” which students discovered could be both a roast and an ode all at once—many students then created erasures of the poem, remixing their own compositions from its words.

As you read this anthology, you’ll discover the true diversity and energy of this borough of poetry, and we hope you’ll start to think of Brooklyn in a myriad of new and exciting ways.

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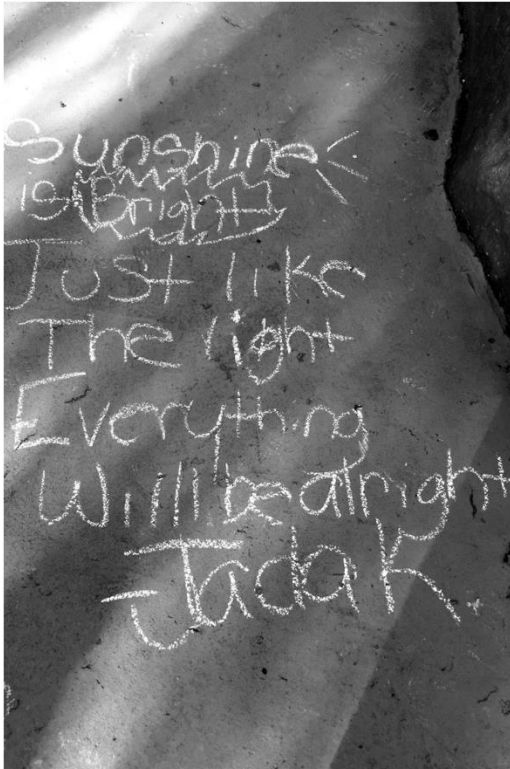
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# AISHA Q.

## The kind of things your daddy don't do!

Big tears got its own area code. GPS in two time zones. Lose quarters as the credit starts to roll. Daddy rolls with twinkle in his toes. Trying to find booger in his nose. Daddy rolls he got a cell phone in the stones beating it up too much in a row. Daddy rolls with pepper in toles. Daddy rolls like people that I know. Daddy rolls.



# ANIAHA F.

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## My Expressive Haiku

The Haiku I made is mostly about New Yorkers. New Yorkers in my eyes are creative, most New Yorkers work on poems they work on poems to tell how they feel.

I think New Yorkers are normal but it depends on sometimes if they wanna' be normal.

I wrote my Haiku to tell a short story about people stuck in their own world writing poems and the "normal" people don't think it's really normal to write the poems they write, so the New Yorkers left their poems at home.

# ANTHONY R.

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## Daddy Poem

My daddy's forehead is so big, his hat size is equator. So big, Tyra Banks burst into tears when she seen my daddy's forehead. Planets confuse my daddy's forehead for the sun. He falls asleep with the movie on his own ingrown toenail. He knows the highways. My daddy's so smart, he dances to "Single ladies." My daddy drink a computer screen night light, my daddy at work, at home in the attic, and in the window. You can see him working in a whole other time zone. That's why he is my daddy. He has talent, smarts, jokes, and a big forehead.

It's super BIG!!!!!!!!!!

# CLAUDIA Q.

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## Things that I love

1. Bubble tea my tea
2. Burger King my favorite fast food
3. My friends they are better than any boyfriends.
4. My family makes me live happily
5. Christmas not just a holiday but a special day
6. Brooklyn a place I live
7. School is a rule to go too
8. Me is me



- = I visit more
- = where I live
- = I walk around
- = where I don't go at all
- = where I sometimes go

601 Claudia Quinde



# CALISE F.

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## FAMILY

My Daddy's forehead is so big, we don't need a highway.  
My Daddy's so riri, he eats his own brains  
My Daddy lookin' like his own ingrown toenail  
My Daddy single so he got no ladies  
My Daddy's forehead got its own area code  
My Daddy's forehead is like a second sun, shining bright  
My Daddy's smart, he's intelligent with a kind heart  
He can be tough, and a little rough  
But he knows how to treat me and my family

# DYLAN M.

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## My big Daddy

My Daddy is so big we don't need a dining room.  
My Daddy got planets confused for the sun  
My Daddy so smart he perform surgery on his own ingrown toenail.  
My Daddy know the free clinics like the gray hairs on his big head  
My Daddy so big his momma says she can't sleep right  
My Daddy's forehead is so big it can fit a whole other time zone  
My Daddy is so big his friends burst into tear seeing that he perform surgery on his big toe

■ Places I love  
■ Queens

Dylan Mills

■ Airport

■ Grandma House  
■ Brooklyn Bridge



■ water

■ My neighborhood

■ Places I never been

■ Rare places

■ Central park

# INDIA G.

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## In The Borough Of Poetry

In the borough of poetry a train full of people who are surrounding dancers.

In the borough of poetry poets express feelings and thoughts and always set the mood.

In the borough of poetry the Brooklyn community is coming together to share opinions and to react to things that is going on in this world that some people do not agree with.

In the borough of poetry people have loud parties that keep you up at night.

In the borough of poetry Brooklyn

India Chilyara  
Class 601

I'm full  
♥ ↓

# Map captions



# SHUN B.

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## MY DADDY'S BIG forehead

MY daddy forehead so big we don't need a table. MY DADDY's forehead so big we don't need a pillow. MY daddy so smart he knows how to drive without a map.

# JUSTIN B.

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## My picture of my dad

My dad's forehead is a pillowcase GPS in his two time zone. My dad's forehead is a sixhead instead of a forehead. My dad's forehead turns cold in his own area code. My dad's has his code on so hard to brake when he is working when!!! He got brains. My dad can drive sometimes. My dad's forehead is a whole TV in his office. Red bull whenever in his one home. My dad can't dance and I mean can't dance. My dad looks like a cartoon person sometimes. My dad is sort of nice other times. My dad is very playful when he is not mad at me, Bobby and Jason. He wants to kick us out of his house when were are 19 or 17.



# TASHYA G.

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## 16 Bars of McDonald's

1. A lot of people go there
2. A lot of teenagers go there with their friends
3. McDonald's has good food
4. McDonald's is not healthy for your body
5. There are big and small McDonald's
6. Some McDonald's have play areas
7. McDonald's is almost everywhere
8. McDonald's is a place where you can have a lot of fun
9. McDonald's make you fat
10. McDonald's is cold all the time
11. All McDonald's have a big M on it
12. McDonald's water is free but I suggest you don't drink it
13. McDonald's have dirty bathrooms so I suggest you don't use that either
14. McDonald's is a place that most people love
15. McDonald's is a fast food restaurant
16. McDonald's is McDonald's

## City Haiku

Trash on the floor  
From new yorkers  
Need to pick it up  
Before dark comes

# TANAYAH A.

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## 8 bars for Netflix

1:Netflix is my favorite show to watch TV on.

2:Netflix has plenty of great movies and shows.

3:Netflix has movies like Black Panther, Doctor Strange, Avengers Infinity War and many more.

4:Netflix also has original shows and movies as well.

5:Netflix has shows like “On my block”, “13 reasons why”, “Big mouth”, “F is for family”, “Paradise PD” and many more that I love to watch.

6:Netflix has movies like “To all the boys I’ve loved before”, “The kissing booth”, “#Reality high”, “Bird box”, and many more.

7:Netflix is not the only app of its kind.

8:Netflix is better than HULU.

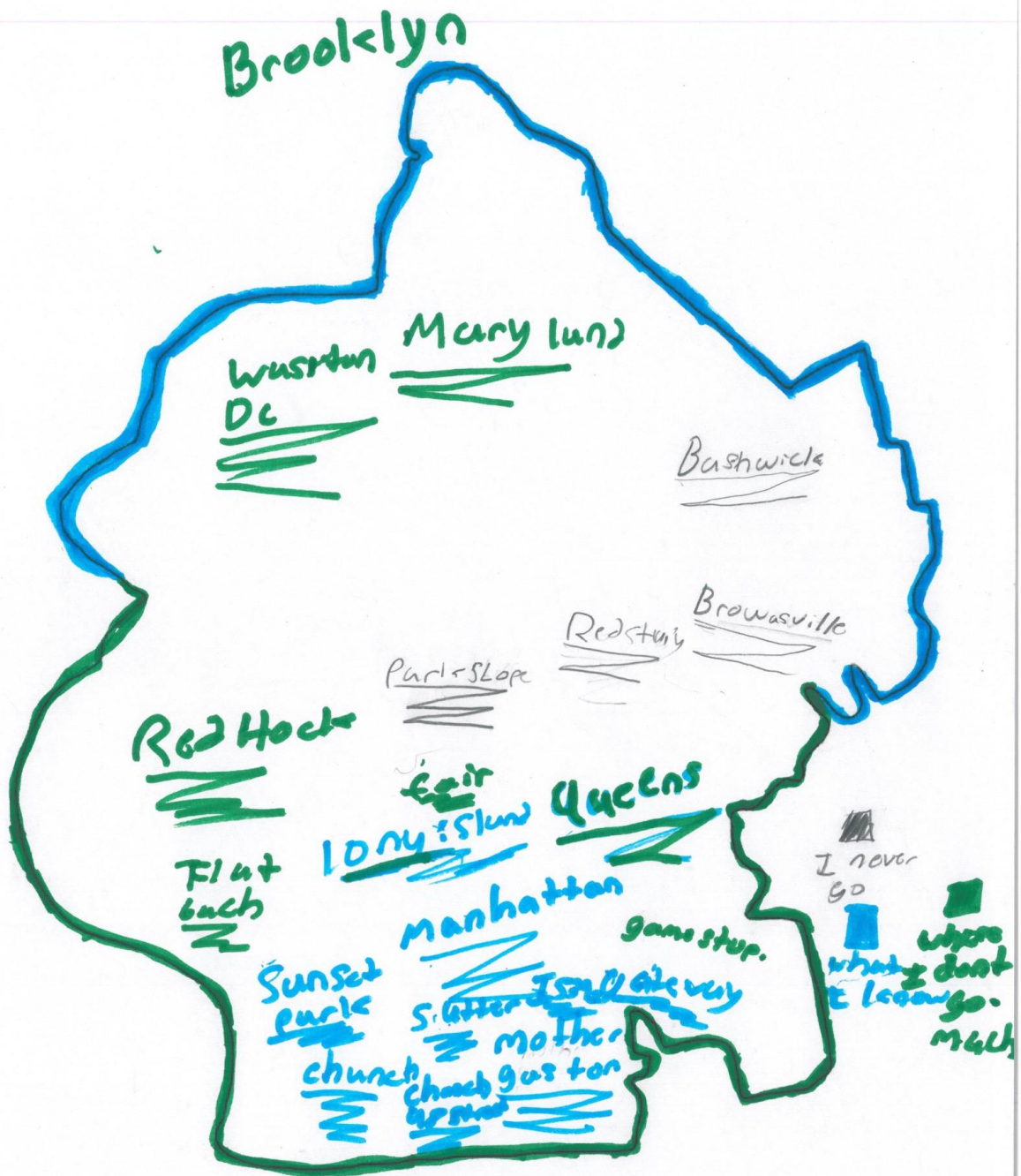
# DEVIN B.

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## My Daddy Poem

My daddy fall asleep and wake up soon as the credit rolled. My daddy  
So smart he impressed my brains. My Daddy know he so smart he  
Drink a small coffee cream and sugar My Daddy so smart he got a  
Cell phone and a computer screen with the TV on in the dark you  
Can see him in the evening at work at home in a whole other time  
Zone.





Davin Bartholomew 601

# SEBASTIAN C.

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## Daddy Dozens

Daddy is so smart, he perform surgery on his own ingrown toenail. Daddy was born here, so he knows these highway like in the back of his head. He knows the free clinics like the gray hairs on his big head. Daddy is so fat, he drank a whole can of Red Bull, and ate a whole pack of sour skittles and never got a cavity. Daddy got swag, he dances to Single Ladies in the hallways. Daddy is smart, he has his own pull out couch in the living room. Daddy can do anything.

# JADA C.

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## B.K's Lovable Space

Brooklyn is a loveable space, some might hope and some  
Might just play, even though you just play you can have faith either  
Way. But who's ever reading this is a blessing from me to you, don't doubt, believe then you  
may achieve. Don't look down just believe, and whatever you want to do, do it  
But with a smile, and you must also believe.

## Life

Life is good, life is great you can't continue to say you love but when you get mad you have so much hate. Don't waste your breath to the next person, they might turn around and say you're a life threat. Don't let them get a reaction, do you and follow your passion. They might not care, but I do and it ain't even that. Everything that's done in the dark will always be brought to the light. Don't carry a lot just make your life so much light.

-Jada C

Brooklyn

Have Faith

New York

Brooklyn is a big space full of heart, sometimes they might trash it, but might not really a part.

Brooklyn is a free space with lots of plays you might

Believe not get your shot don't get mad, turn and make it not, you might not make it but

you're still apart.

Hope

Love

Red Group on page 4

# JERIEL P.

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## City Haiku

I get late to school  
My teacher gets mad  
I go to detention  
I feel so glad

## My Brooklyn

Brooklyn is my environment, I love  
the people and their shares. Some people  
may not care, but stop the violence  
and be aware. Kids are kids  
adults are adults, you  
should be able to go out and  
not feel scared.

Jeriel Peralta

Brooklyn is  
 MY environment, I love  
 the people and there shares. ~~people~~ people  
 may not care, but stop the violence  
 and be aware. kids are kids  
~~parents~~ adults are adults, you  
 should be able to go out and  
 not feel scared.

- Jeriel

# KERON T.

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## The Big Head Man

GPS in the minivan  
Takes daddy to work.  
Daddy head is so big  
His baseball cap has  
Stretch marks. My  
Daddy head so big  
It is the size of the sun.  
My daddy head is so big  
Momma can't sleep.  
My daddy head so big  
It's bigger than a mini fridge.  
My daddy head so big we think he  
Is a planet. My daddy head so big it's the  
Size of a minivan. My daddy head so big  
He can eat a whole case of Red Bull. My daddy head so big it's a five head case.

## 5 bars for prospect park zoo

1. The Prospect park zoo the entrance, with the water fountains and the sun shining
2. Hearing the animals crying like criminals behind bars
3. The monkeys climbing on the trees like ninjas on secret missions
4. The lions are looking at you wishing that the cage would open to eat up everyone.
5. The prospect park zoo is perfect place to be but make sure you keep your hands where they are supposed to be.

# LATINA P.

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## My Dad's Forehead

.My daddy's friends burst into tears when his forehead got its own area code  
.My dad's baseball cap got stretch marks  
.My daddy's pillowcase got craters  
.My daddy's eyebrows need GPS to find each other

My dad is smart

.My dad knows exactly how to drive me to my friend's house without looking at no map  
.My dad was born here, he is so smart, he knows the highways like the wrinkles on his head  
.My dad is so smart, he wears a stethoscope and a white coat  
.My dad knows the free clinics like the gray hairs on his forehead  
.My dad got swag  
.My dad dances along to "single ladies" in the hallway  
.This is just the way my dad rolls

Latinea  
Pinder

 - Lincoln  
Terrace  
Park





# MADYSON P.

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## My Daddy and his HUGE forehead

My Daddy's forehead is so BIG, it got its own area code  
My Daddy so SMART, he got "brains"  
He so SMART, he know the free clinics like the gray hairs on his big head  
My Daddy dance to "Single Ladies" in the hallway  
My Daddy so SMART, he got a pullout couch in his office  
My house got its own SWEATY forehead  
My Daddy's eyebrows need a GPS to find each other. My Daddy's forehead is so BIG,  
everybody can see it from a mile away My Daddy's forehead is so BIG, every time someone  
looks at it, they go BLIND

# MARCUS J.S.

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## MY DADDY POEM

My Daddy so smart he likes all single ladies.  
My Daddy so cool he can eat a whole pack of sour skittles.  
My Daddy so smart he can cut my and his hair by himself.  
Sometimes I see you on the screen and I scream.  
My Daddy is always fun to play a game with.  
My Daddy loves to cut my hair he is the best.  
My Daddy loves to take me places.  
My Daddy is so cool he has 5 ps4 in his own house.  
My Daddy is so cool that he can buy me my own phone.  
My Daddy is cool he says I can play all day every day.  
My Daddy is so cool he loves to buy me new shoes.  
My Daddy is cool he buys me new book bags and a new phone if I want it.



Marcey Gol

# NATHANIEL J.

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## My weird daddy

My daddy is so cool that, his fivehead has his own area code.

My daddy is so smart, he perform surgery on his small coffee and sugar.

My daddy is so big, that momma can't sleep right.

My daddy so smart, he gave a mini fridge its own Gmail.

My daddy is so fat, he eats sour skittles and drink two red bull every afternoon.

My daddy is so crazy that he touch the fire on the stove and burned down the whole kitchen.

Nathaniel  
Zebe



# MARTIN B.

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## 16 Bars for Art

- 1: Being creative means developing something in 45 minutes
- 2: Inspiring others it means to overcome challenges within you.
- 3: Attitude in art makes a big difference.
- 4: It's "dope" to draw but it's an honor to draw.
- 5: Art is a book of life that people look upon.
- 6: Conversations is like graffiti of art.
- 7: Art: dare to dream in expressions of feelings.
- 8: RRF:respect your art piece/raise your art skills to a higher level /follow your dreams and conquer them.

Martin Blair 601



# KIMORA W.

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## My poem story

My pillowcase need GPS to find each other. Momma was not impressed, in my bedroom  
momma says she can't sleep right. In the attic through the windows glass were flickering in the  
evening, while my daddy is at work in his own area code.

# WAJANN D.

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## The big man and lady

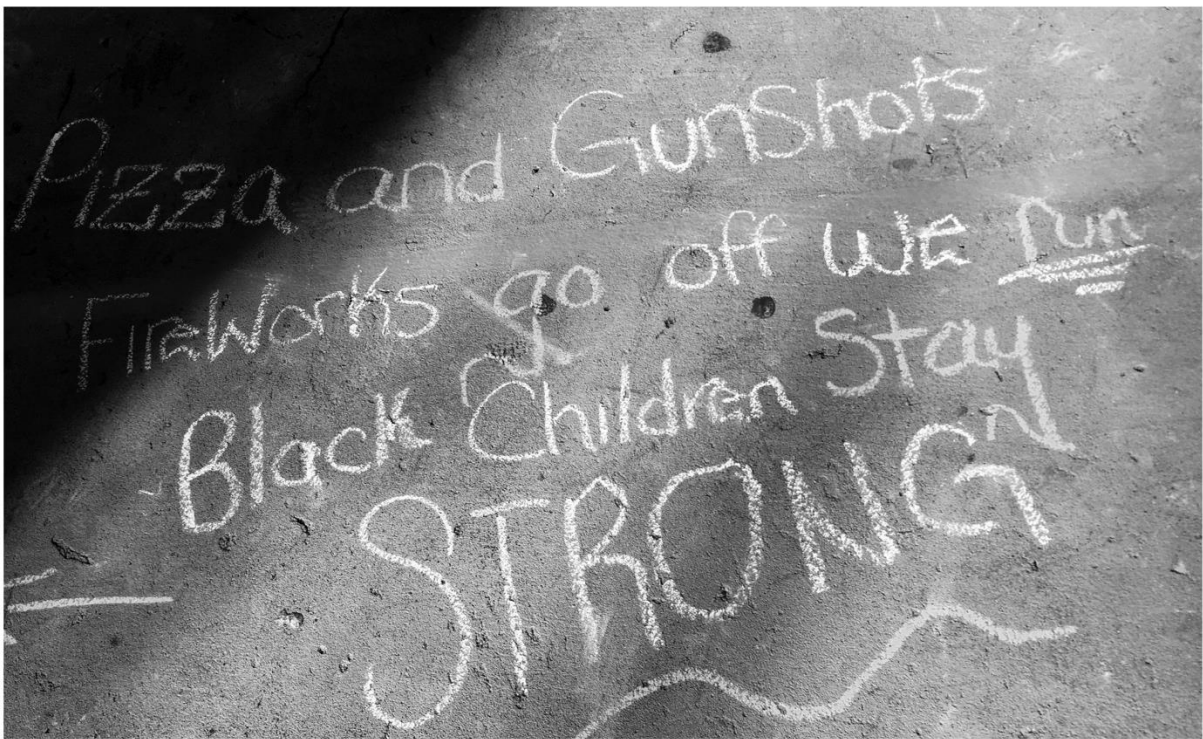
My daddy's forehead is so big it's a five-head pillowcase, My daddy perform surgery on his  
own forehead, My daddy needs a GPS to find ladies, my daddy got craters on his forehead. My  
momma's forehead is so big it's bigger than the highways, my momma need a GPS to find her  
wrinkles, my momma's wrinkles are so big it lives in two time zones.

Brooklyn map By Wajann





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# DANIEL D.

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## 10 BARS FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY

1. Just because I'm black doesn't mean that I fight on the block, get classified as an opp, carrying a glock, always feeling hot. But then we get swept away like helpless crops, and drop, drop dead.
2. People say we all bleed the same blood. But since I'm black it's really all about trust. Because I'm black doesn't mean I plant bombs on a school bus. Young black children not knowing division, multiplication minus or plus. Then black parents giving beating and their child always having a fuss.
3. The cops racistly choose to say don't move or shooting the person with a gun. Cops choose guns over words. They choose life or death for us blacks.
4. The truth about us is that most of us are in gangs, we can't speak proper English so we have to speak slang, and then we call hustling gang bang.
5. Yes we are bloods, we are crips, we don't have money to go to places or on trips. We crash in cars cause were high and we drink. We give young girls at the club money, then we want all lips. Then that young girl has a kid, but we don't claim. And that child support bill causes us pain.
6. Why are we called black if we're brown?
7. Back in the day as my parents would say it was different, there was a law for black and white kissing, but know our life is corrupted by Fortnite and dissing. And now there's these dumb songs like close friends and a girl talking about she's been tripping.
8. Because I'm black doesn't mean I have 360 waves. Doesn't mean I sing like Drake. Doesn't mean that my ankles are ashy like the sugar on frosted flakes.
9. I don't like watermelon but my skin shows that I should.
10. White people might look at me as everything I said.

# SERENITY R.

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## 15 Bars about Music

1. Drake singing KeKe do you love me
2. Beyoncé saying she's a single lady
3. Rihanna telling kids to work work.....
4. Ciara singing let me see that 1..2 step
5. Chris Brown saying us girls ain't loyal
6. Bruno Mars saying ice cream is what I like
7. DJ Khaled is always yelling for some reason
8. Nicki Minaj my anaconda don't
9. Cardi B speaking true facts saying I like dollars I like diamonds
10. Rappers making bars
11. A Boogie wit da hoodie
12. Music is everywhere you go you can't go anywhere and not hear music
13. I listen to music with my headphones booming to the beat
14. Rappers going to the studio spitting bars
15. Celebrates hate on others

## The Serenity Poem

Summer is on its way  
Enjoying the sunlight  
Right on my face  
Enjoying the cool breeze  
Night is the best time of the day  
It good that winter is out of the way  
To all the sunflowers that blossoming with the rain  
Yeah winter is fun but the summer is the best season of the day

## Daddy Dozens

My daddy's needs GPS to find the highways. My daddy drive to work. Daddy got swag. Daddy dance to Single Ladies. My daddy got a mini fridge. Daddy got an office with a T.V.



# KATELYN W.

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## 16 Bars About Florida

1. It is always hot even in the winter
2. There are a lot of malls and outlets
3. You can find the beach anywhere
4. Anywhere you go you will see people
5. The houses are so huge you can probably have a trampoline in there
6. A part of Florida I live in is West Palm Beach.
7. The people there are very friendly.
8. Are you hungry? Because there are so many restaurants to choose from.
9. If you are coming to Florida bring a lot of money because the things here are expensive.
10. The roads there are so busy.
11. If you don't use an alarm clock, don't bother the chickens will wake you up.
12. One thing Florida is famous for is Disney World.
13. Walmart is one of Florida's favorite famous stores.
14. The beaches there are so soothing and relaxing.
15. People are always walking their dogs.
16. Everywhere you go you would see a Starbucks.





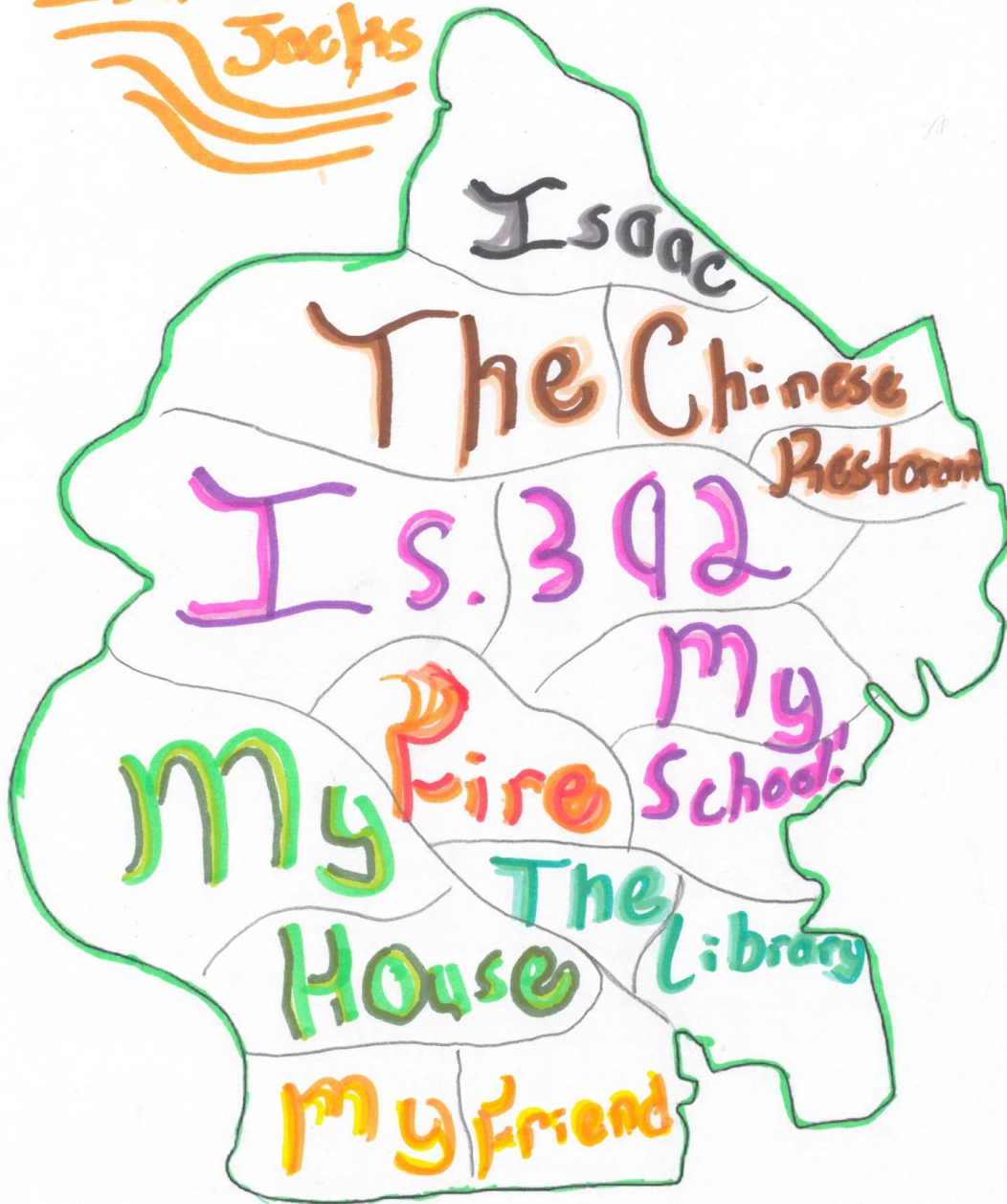
# ISAAC J.

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## 16 Bars For My Mom

1. Mom, you think I don't know what's going on with you and my Dad
2. You Adults always underestimate me but I can do things in a blink
3. The things I say to you Adults never comes in sync's
4. Why do you never listen to me, I just want my opinion to link with yours
5. Why do you always tell me to do the house chores while you're sitting down
6. When we always argue you take the crown you put me down
7. I should have rights even as a child
8. But when I get mad I have to go wild I'm the only child
9. It's just not fair, please get your boyfriend out my hair
10. But what you say is so hot so mild I just don't care anymore
11. It sucks being the only child in the house
12. But when you leave it's quiet like a mouse
13. Mom you're always gone, all these events you're at, please don't tell me I'm wrong
14. I can't blame you
15. You Made Me, You're my creator, you have all the power, you're like god you are my savior
16. Mom I love you, I love you and I can't do anything without you mom I love you.

Isaac  
Jacks



# ZAYVIAN R.

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## 11 bars for NYC

1. My mom lives with me in NYC and treats me nice even though she is afraid of mice.
2. My dad lives in Massachusetts and he says it's rough but he knows out here the rent is tough.
3. Me and my family don't live that far, so in Brownsville New York we aren't far apart.
4. I get my games from GameStop and play them all day and all night but my mom always say otherwise.
5. Coney Island, I used to go there. They even put up fun fairs!
6. I love my home, it's a wonderful home, sometimes I wish we had garden gnomes.
7. School is for knowledge but you can make friends. Maybe you'll be friends to the very end.
8. My teachers want me to do the best so I can really rock the test.
9. Me and my friends play games together. Hey, maybe we will know each other forever.
10. I love the park because lots of people go there but many people don't play tag fair.
11. Atlantic Avenue is the mall, it's great. Every day you might see a new face!

# AIJALON L. A.

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## 16 Bars For XXXTENTACION

1. Jahseh, not everyone saw you for who you actually were.
2. They thought of you as a domestic violence abuser, but that's not who you are.
3. You were the voice for the youth, the food to our souls, and the music to our ears.
4. Jahseh, I wish you didn't have to go so soon, why did they take you so soon?
5. Can I ask you a question: what makes an artist?
6. To be honest I don't know what truly makes artist, but I knew what made you.
7. You were sweet, kind, driven, and most of all hungry.
8. Song like SAD! Moonlight, and LOOK AT ME! Were bangers, but other songs like Jocelyn Flores, Angel, and Garrets Revenge really hit deeper.
9. I love how you knew how to switch up your flow without making it sound bad.
10. X what your motivation?
11. Was it your family, your baby, or your fans?
12. X you would've been a great dad.
13. We all miss you so much.
14. I can't wait for Gekyume to be born!

aijalan  
Luis ~ Alexander

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# GABRIELLE O.

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## 16 Sweet Pineapple Bars

One bite takes you to your Island home where love is

Two is the amount of pieces mom lets you take at a time so you won't choke and die. Love you mom

Three friends eat them at lunch making them after lunch yearn for more!!

Four you draw them in your books but when you look they remind you of something else special.

At five you goin' to the store and all you buy is you know what.

Six you put them on sticks grill them even char them but they always keep their sweet juice.

Seven creating pizza from heaven creating something new and tasty to eat.

Eight the new fashion you wear on a daily basis after they went viral on Instagram.

Nine you try to make your friend love them to but you can't accept the fact that she doesn't.

Ten you had a nightmare about a world without pineapples.

Eleven your brain when from green to yellow and then black.

Twelve going crazy over the lack of sweet joy in your life

Thirteen times you scream and cry out to the heavens up above.

Fourteen you suffer you suffer and suffer some more

Fifteen you wake up from your slumber swearing you will never go a day without pineapples

Sixteen love them forever. Never stop.

## Love

Love is pure like the  
Ocean Blue Life  
Is JOYFUL WITH me AND you  
TOGETHER our love is true

Us  
+  
Pineapples  
=  
Love.

## KIRSTEN C.

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### K.I.R.S.T.E.N

Kind  
Independent  
Responsible  
Smart  
Talented  
Excellence  
Natural hair

### Borough of Poetry

In the Borough of Poetry, a train is traveling to Times Square

In the Borough of Poetry, poets are mostly using their phones and walking around

In the Borough of Poetry, there are cars honking, tourists talking and people eat all types of food.

### 16 Bars for Times Square

1. Trucks, cars, music. You're in the city
2. So much lights everywhere you turn
3. Click,Click... The sound of tourists taking pictures
4. Turn around! There's people everywhere, you're in a place that is very crowded

5. Diversity. Italians, Asians, Blacks, Caucasian
6. Food! Lo Mein, Pizza, Burgers, fries, oxtail
7. Tall buildings! Almost as high as the sky
8. Wax Museum, Madame Tussauds, Ripley's... and so much more
9. Broadway-The Lion King, Aladdin, School of Rock
10. Beautiful clothing from H&M, old navy, and outlets
11. The ball dropping on New Year's Day
12. You can smell the smoke in the air
13. Horses walking around, carrying people to different places
14. Bryant Park
15. Kids winning games in Dave and Busters
16. Everyone coming together as one.



# BRANDON L.

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## City Haiku

Roses are red, the sky is blue, I'm 11, what about you!!

## Dogs

Dogs, Dogs are everywhere you can't stop seeing them, you can help them by getting one.

I have a dog named Logan, we got him so he can be in our life, we don't hit him or hurt him.

You should treat dogs the same way you want to get treated because if you were in the dog's body you would not like it.

People have dogs but they don't know how to treat it, videos in Facebook and other social media getting killed and getting hurt.

WHY! Why don't you understand that dogs are in danger? Some people just get the dogs for no reason. They don't buy nothing for it no bed, no toys, and NO FOOD. Why?

I have a question: What does a dog mean to you? Because to me it feels like I have another family member, that's going to be my best friend.



# CHLOE C.

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## 16 Bars About Music

1. Music is music and it will bless your heart
2. When you hear Lil Tjay or A boogie don't you understand
3. When you feeling down or got a frown don't you want to hear that amazing sound
4. Let me break it down
5. When you hear this sound don't you understand, he held her down when nobody was around
6. That heat really had me geeked it was real neat
7. To be honest, like really honest what happened Nicki? You was a goddess
8. Now Cardi? She really be getting the party started
9. You still talking about shopping in Saks? That's whack
10. Pnb Rock got his check. Oh so he got racks
11. Now Queen? She giving Chris a taste of his medicine
12. DDG you spend too much in Gucci, tbh you really starting to lose me
13. Now music? It makes us happy
14. Music will have you thinking for days
15. Now if music your life, please do it right
16. And I just did 16 bars like these rappers buy 16 cars

## In The Borough

### Of Poetry

In the borough of poetry, a train of artist and poets go to their own world  
In the borough of poetry, poets will teach these artist the true meaning of poetry  
In the borough of poetry, you create your own poem & that is your ticket back home.  
Now once you home there are more poems to be made.  
And you will think, this is my home.  
Where my peace and love is.  
This is where I live.



# NASIR M.

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## 16 bars for mom and dad

1. I will sing about the struggle my mom and dad have that they overcome.
2. Mom I know it's really rough and you think I'm covering up for him but that it is the truth.
3. Dad you want me to do better by showing the way.
4. I'm funny I'm kind but I can be trouble.
5. All of this happening because of me.
6. If I wasn't here it would have fine.
7. I wanna' live in a fantasy but I need to see the truth.
8. Do I know the way yet?
9. I'm like a graph that falls down and comes backs up.
10. Mom I beg you don't do it.
11. He grow up different he may depressed.
12. I know it could heat of the moment just cool down.
13. Ice is cool until it gets hot.
14. I really have a gift I don't wanna' perish.
15. My heart can't take it anymore.
16. I'm gonna' hold it and not show my sadness and show my happiness.
17. I know it stops there but I gotta' talk.
18. I'm finishing, but imma' only show my happiness.

## Sidewalk poem

Roses are red violets are blue, my heart is dead I'm  
such a fool, why did I fall for you I gave it all for You!

Roses are red violets are blue, my heart is dead I'm  
such a fool, why did I fall for you I gave it all for You!

Feeling lost don't know what to do but I got some bad advice  
from the back of my crew. Still feeling dead when I think  
about You. I can't do a dang thing when I'm without You.

Imma take a ship to the past of the shrooms of the acid. Then

I get bad one call me young savage but I'm balling like a  
young maverick. This heart break music is such a passion.

Roses are red violets are blue, my heart is dead I'm  
such a fool, why did I fall for you I gave it all for You!

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# JADA K.

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## 14 bars for Brooklyn

1. From waking up to the sound of birds chirping to going to sleep to a sky full of stars beaming...In Brooklyn
2. From going to school to doing after school activities...In Brooklyn
3. From listening to music to making music...In Brooklyn
4. From singing to dancing...In Brooklyn
5. From looking at art to doing art...In Brooklyn
6. From playing sports to playing games...In Brooklyn
7. In Brooklyn there are many different and beautiful houses
8. In Brooklyn there are cafe' s and many delicious foods
9. In Brooklyn there is art
10. In Brooklyn there is amazing music
11. In Brooklyn there are awesome schools
12. In Brooklyn there are beautiful buildings
13. Brooklyn is a beautiful borough
14. Brooklyn is my home



# FRIENDS

We Don't Need

Friends

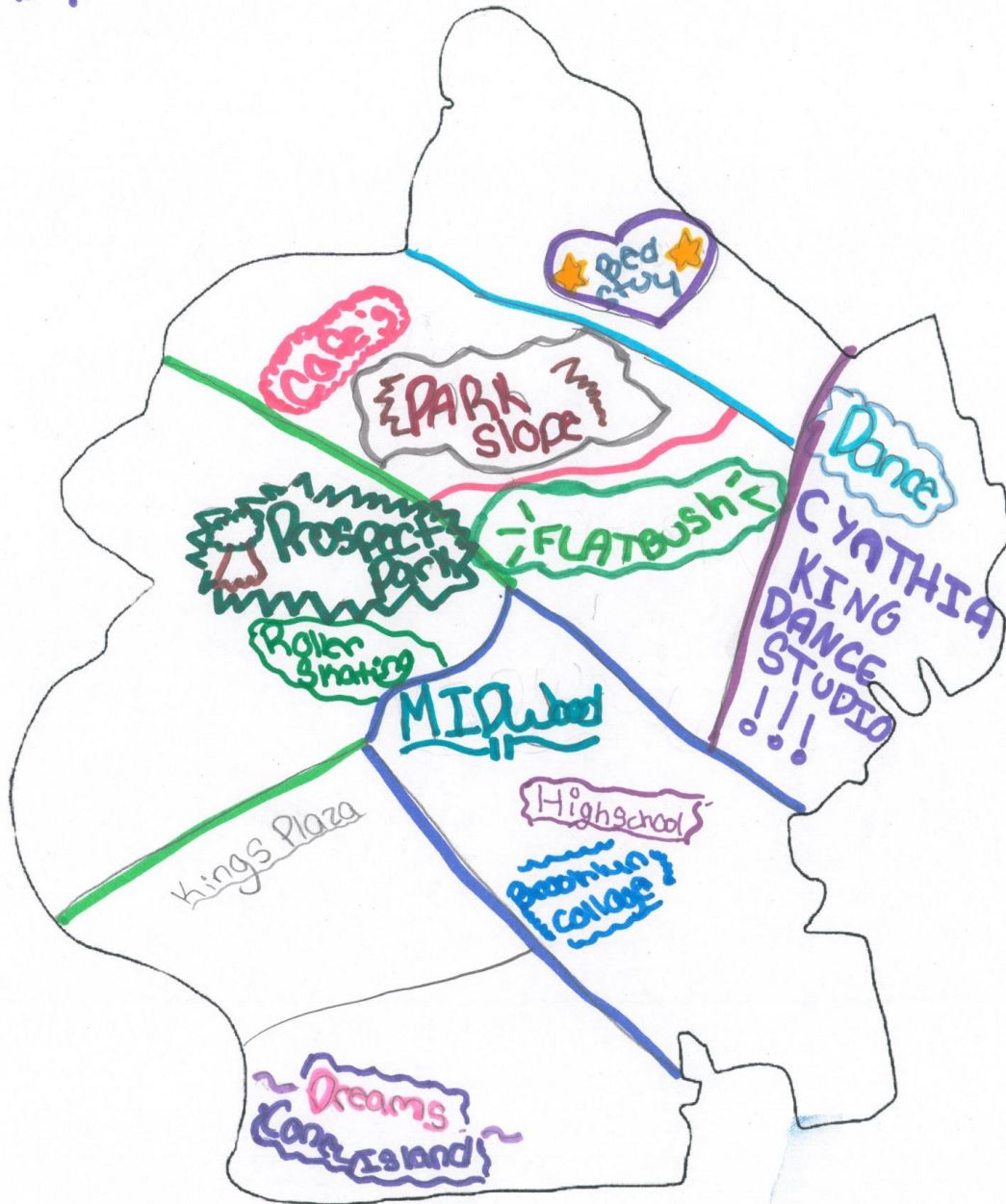
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# JAILEN B.

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## 16 Hawaiian pizzas

P.s. These are just jokes so don't take this poem seriously, enjoy!

1. Delivery is better than DiGiorno
2. Meat lovers are fine but Hawaiian pizza lovers are better
3. Chinese restaurants with general Tso's chicken be like wha you wa!?
4. Pineapple with cheese may sound nasty, but
5. Dragon Ball Z is better than harry potter like how Hawaiian pizza is better than pepperoni
6. Pepperoni sucks like how people suck jawbreakers
7. Hawaiian pizza is as big as mega minds foreheads
8. People getting shot need to use Hawaiian pizza as a shield
9. Hawaiian pizza makes me feel like "I believe I can fly"
10. Hawaiian pizza is better than Fortnite
11. Not even Drake can handle the heat of Hawaiian pizza
12. Merry pizza
13. Baby pizza do do do do do
14. Dominoes is trash
15. Green boogas
16. Hawaiian pizza prank gone wrong

## City Haiku

Water surrounding Snoop Dogg when he raps

A universe when I spit bars, flames come out of my mouth

A galaxy full of people exactly like me.

Jailen Barnes

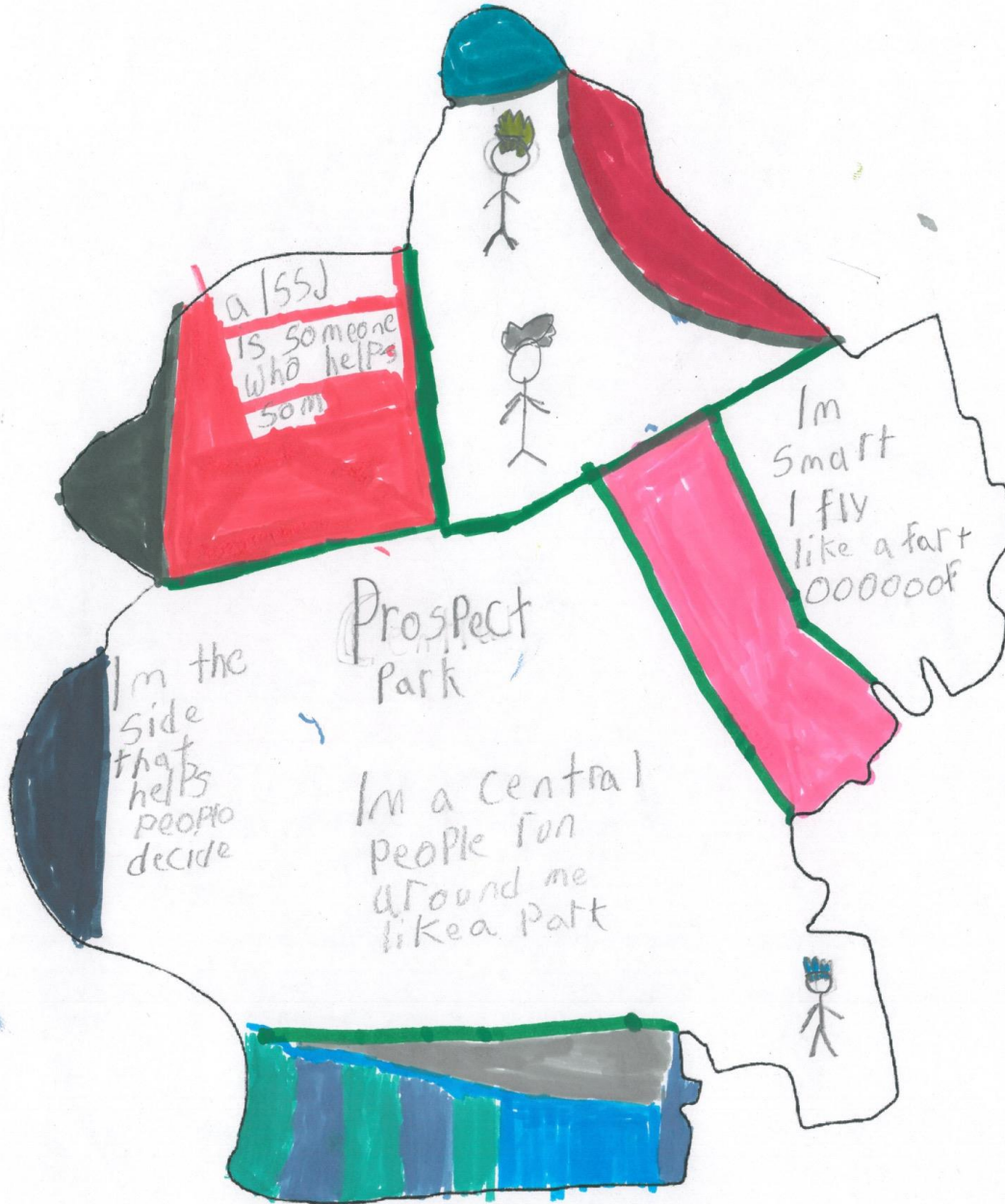


# JUSTIN S.

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## Daddys (REEEEEEEE) Dozens

My Daddy's so big we don't need a table. REE. My Daddy big, His hot size is equator. REE. So big it's a five-head that stretches 300 meters. REE. Tyra Banks burst when she seen my daddy baseball cap. My daddy got craters. My daddy lives in 2 different time zones. Planets confuse my daddy for the sun. My daddy with "Single Ladies." My daddy drink a small coffee cream and sugar.



# JUSTIN W.

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## 10 bars for Kings Plaza(KP)

1. I shop at stores in KP because there is a stores where you can be.
2. The employees are tired and sick, but when you curse them out they catch a fit.
3. I sometimes go there for school shopping and when I see my friends, they be like “Hey, what’s poppin”.
4. Sometimes I go clothes shopping, and those sneakers were worth the copping.
5. At KP, there are shootings and fires and when homeless people come, they don’t hire.
6. The things in KP are very expensive, I run around like I don’t have senses.
7. Security kicks you out and says goodbye, when you open the doors the birds come and fly.
8. Finish Line, Jimmy Jazz, Best Buy, When I see things that I want, I have to say Bye Bye.
9. Throughout all the seasons, KP is still open, But when kids don’t get what they want, they get to moping
10. H&M is the place to shop, But if you act up, they will call the cops.

## The Poem About Justin Wright

He loves to sports like basketball, when he plays baseball, he throws a curveball.  
He fools around a lot, but when it's not the time, he acts like a bot.  
He is always playing Fortnite late at night, and when he wins, he goes night night.  
He watches YouTube all day, but when his friends are online, he wants to play.

Justin Wright  
Class 602  
12-12-18



Staten Island is a beautiful island with many parks and beaches. It is a great place to live and visit. The island is home to many different cultures and languages. It is a diverse and vibrant community. The island is also known for its beautiful views and scenic spots. It is a truly unique and special place.



# KAYLAH W.

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## Brooklyn

In the borough of poetry the train takes my family around to visit exciting places  
To eat were they a lot of tourist. In the borough of poetry poets are writing poems  
About the amazing diversity. In the borough of poetry there are a bunch of transportation. There  
are a lot of places to eat and see. The borough of poetry is wonderfully amazing I love it.

## 16 Bars for my first school

1. Where me and my friends were at since we were little.
2. Where I grow to be a better person.
3. Where I met all my friends and bffs.
4. Where I learned more and more every day.
5. Where they see me get older and smarter.
6. Where I had a lot of memories.
7. Where I had good times and bad times.
8. Where I achieved many accomplishments.
9. Where I was always safe.
10. Where I never gave up.
11. Where I grew another family.
12. Where they had weird looking food.
13. Where they always had my back.
14. Where I laughed and frowned.
15. Where I hated getting up early.
16. Where I graduated as the class of 2018 and spend my whole life and the place I would never forget because I loved it dearly.

# MY HOME

Brooklyn is a beautiful place. Brooklyn is where I feel safe. Where they bake and where they make their cake for kids to have their play dates. There is so much to see and do I love Brooklyn way more than you. Where I chill and where I play Brooklyn is where I need to stay. Brooklyn every night and day Brooklyn stays alive every day. Brooklyn when I'm young and old where I always go to be bold. Brooklyn is where I live. Brooklyn is where I been.



# KEIRA R.

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## 16 Bars= Hispanics Everywhere

1. There are brutal people who don't really care. They take children's parents because they are supposed to. It's a forced dare.
2. Immigrants in and out to have a better life.
3. Yes, I'm a Spanish girl what I'm supposed to do, I have parents from Honduras, and I love them very much.
4. When you walk into a bodega, you always see a Spanish person because they are there to protect you.
5. When you walk into a house you will probably see a Spanish person because they are working for you to have a cleaner house.
6. We work and work to get money so we can pay bills.
7. Spanish means to be proud of who we are as a people and eat tacos all day.
8. Yes, my brother has DACA, it's very hard to live a life with people who are watching you 24/7.
9. DACA means something that keeps young immigrants in America. Without this they get deported back to their country were they were born.
10. Mis padres béno ay Estados Unidos porque eso béno para tener un bueno viva.
11. HONDURAS, SALVADOR, and GUATEMALA come to America to have a better life.
12. People are scared of us Hondurans but we do it to protect ourselves.
13. If my parents leave remember to always protect me cause I will always for you
14. Think twice about him, he ain't safe
15. I live in Brooklyn what a beautiful place but they're might be some cruel people around us that you may not know.
16. Espaninos here and there, espaninos everywhere.



# LONDYN W.

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## 16 Bars for the World

1. The president of the United States of America doesn't care about us, too selfish to see.
2. Bombs bursting, guns reloading, and everything shakes my world.
3. The year is the year when we are all going to make a change.
4. Helping people is like helping a newborn baby take their first steps.
5. Peace to be one with others only to break their hearts after, making sure you can help that person to be the best person they can be.
6. Army men and women go to work to be so brave for their child, that's what they said until they die.
7. Families are broken, screaming and arguing until they break.
8. People wearing clothes and masks hiding their face from the world.
9. People walk around hiding, doing cruel things but do not want to face the crime.
10. The difference between a white neighborhood and a black neighborhood is that one is calmer.
11. A school teacher said never change who you are but I thought change was good.
12. Love is love, hate is hate but don't discriminate.
13. Our president is a liar and a bad man but how did he win.
14. Artists spray down walls to take the pain away.
15. Live life to the fullest.
16. This world is so controversial but you just have to deal with it.

## The Londyn White Poem

Loyal to all around  
Open to talk to others  
Not perfect but herself  
Don't play games  
You should always help her  
Never give up on her when she makes mistakes

Londynwhite  
class 602  
Dec 12, 2018



# NIA J.

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## 16 Bars for the 4 seasons.

- 1) Summer is the best
- 2) School is out!!
- 3) I get to travel
- 4) But the sun is pretty hot
- 5) In the spring the flowers bloom
- 6) Spring the rain falls
- 7) I get to jump in muddy puddles
- 8) Its picnic season
- 9) Pumpkin spice latte season
- 10) Red, yellow, orange leaves on the floor
- 11)YEA!! I get to jump in leaves
- 12) But it is getting cold
- 13) Brrr! It winter
- 14) Hot chocolate season
- 15) Yea! Get to jump in the snow
- 16) It is my birthday, time for a rewind

## The Borough of Poetry

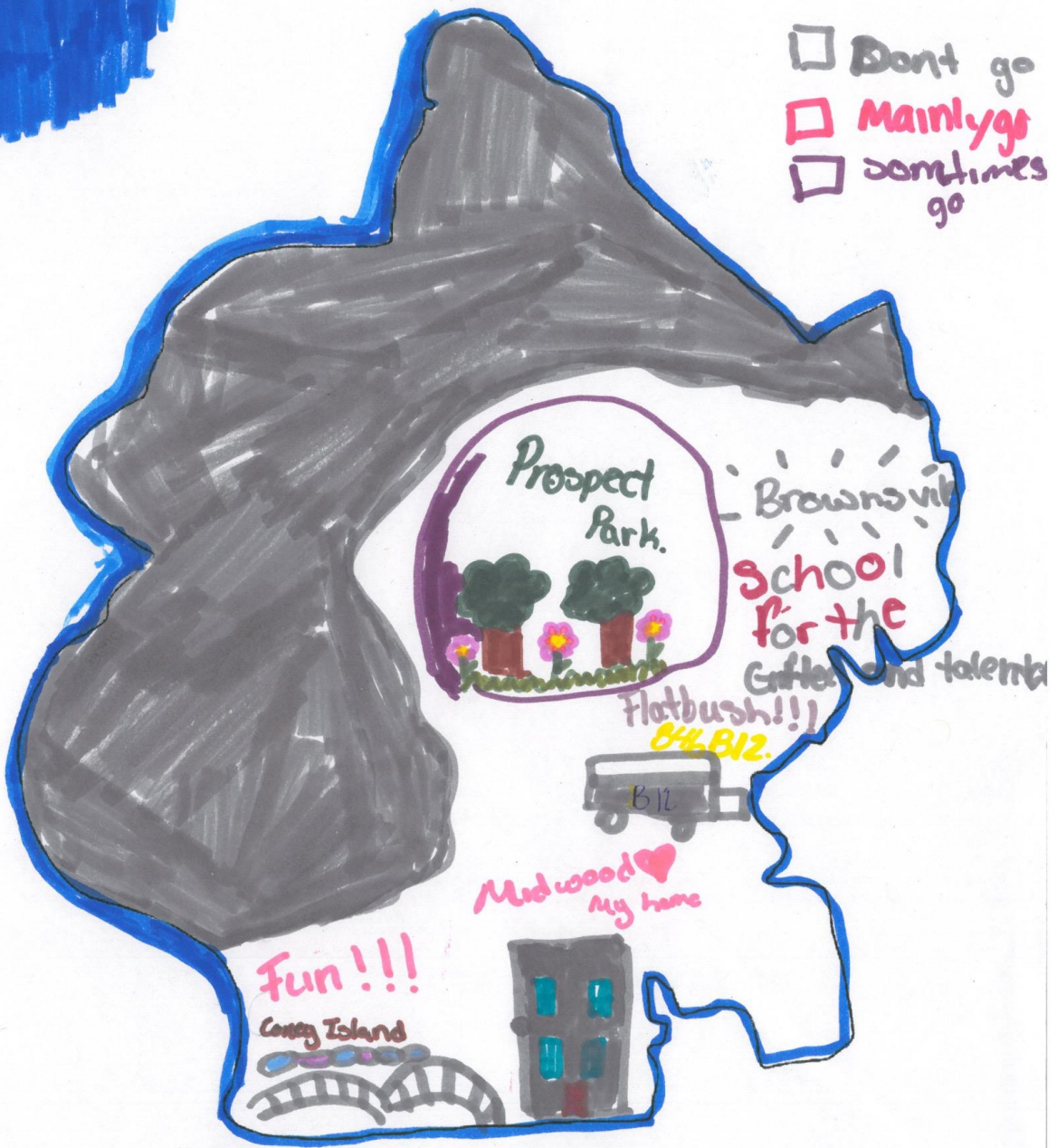
In the borough of poetry, a train full of poets and listeners zoom by heading to the big poet city.

In the borough of poetry poets travel for free.

In the borough of poetry poets travel all around the big borough tasting foods, watching different cultures, and admiring art. At the end of every day everyone in the borough of poetry come to the big oak tree and listens to the poets all through the night.



- Don't go
- Mainly go
- sometimes go



Nia John Class 602



# PENELOPE H.

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## 19 Bars For Barnes & Noble

This is a place where people read  
The coffee shop inside, attracting customers to come by  
No place for ruckus, only quiet and peace  
Go there after work forget your worries away  
You're relaxed at ease, from the soft music in the background that everyone needs  
You could be into gossip magazines, or Naruto, or Dragon Ball, they have it to  
It's not crowded with chatter, it's filled with sweet silence  
You wonder if there's anything they don't have, you can find every genre every story  
If you say you're not into books, this store will hook you  
You can go there for inspiration and references there's nothing they can't do for you  
It's a place with all types of people  
You make friends, interact, or just read  
It's not a party but, you still can have a fun time  
This is Barnes & Noble  
I know it's for me and you.

! F-a-m-i-l-y !

We don't need a dining room to find each other  
Two, One  
For the sun  
Cushions lose quarters in the wrinkles

Wake up as the credits start to roll

## ^Sky High^

Sky high buildings  
Read up to the sky  
So high  
You can see them when you fly  
There so high, But you're so low  
It amazes you when you see them  
It amazes everyone  
Including me

# AMIRA C.

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## DARK

Dark through windows

Glinting, sweaty

Area codes

## LIFE

Born Here

Wrinkles

Gray Hair

Slightly Bigger

Lose Credits

He Fall

On His Own

## EMOTIONS

We Don't Need

Tears When

We Got

Each Other

# KALEB J.

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## Poem for Brooklyn

I'm Mr. Brooklyn  
I have colors all over my body  
They are all places  
People live on me  
Brown is how people get out of me.  
Beige is how people also get out of me  
Light pink is Canarsie  
Purple is Brownsville  
Whatever color this is it is Flatbush  
Green is the Brooklyn zoo  
Red is places I don't know!!  
And this is my body!!!!

Kaleb Joseph

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- = belt parkway
- = Brooklyn Bridge
- = Brownsville
- = Flatbush
- = I don't know
- = cararsie
- = Brooklyn Zoo

# SHANYYA F.

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## 16 Bars About Myself

1. I'm very pretty nobody could tell me anything else
2. I'm very smart
3. I'm talented in my own ways
4. I'm not perfect, I make mistakes
5. I love to shop at designer stores
6. Love going to the beach with friends
7. I'm a very friendly person but the other side of me is not
8. I want to be a professional hair stylist
9. If you know me my favorite artist is A Boogie Wit The Hoodie
10. Enjoy going to the Brooklyn Bridge
11. I don't really like eating food
12. A lot of people throw subs (shade) at me but I don't respond to it
13. I like Frappe's
14. Music is my life
15. Don't like drama
16. Love to dance

## In The Borough Of Poetry

In the borough of poetry, a train travel through a lot of stops with a lot of people to bring them to their destination for example Times Square.

In the borough of poetry, poets helps people express their feelings in a creative way.

In the borough of poetry it helps people to get somewhere in life.

# Brooklyn Bridge

Two strangers in an Uber.  
But I still get in it.  
Just to cross the Brooklyn Bridge.



# KATELYN W.

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## The Borough of Poetry

In the borough of poetry, a train  
will travel to Manhattan, while  
there are busy people walking

In the borough of poetry, poets  
are working on writing a good  
poem for his daughter's birthday

In the borough of poetry, a restaurant  
Is cooking for the wonderful people who  
are hungry and tired

In the borough of poetry, an old man  
sits in his rocking chair staring at the TV  
and eats his macaroni

In the borough of poetry, a dog is sitting  
on the porch, waiting for his owner  
to come home

In the borough of poetry, a lady is singing  
the song to the children  
while they are dancing along



# ZAIRA G.

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## The NEW YORK Train

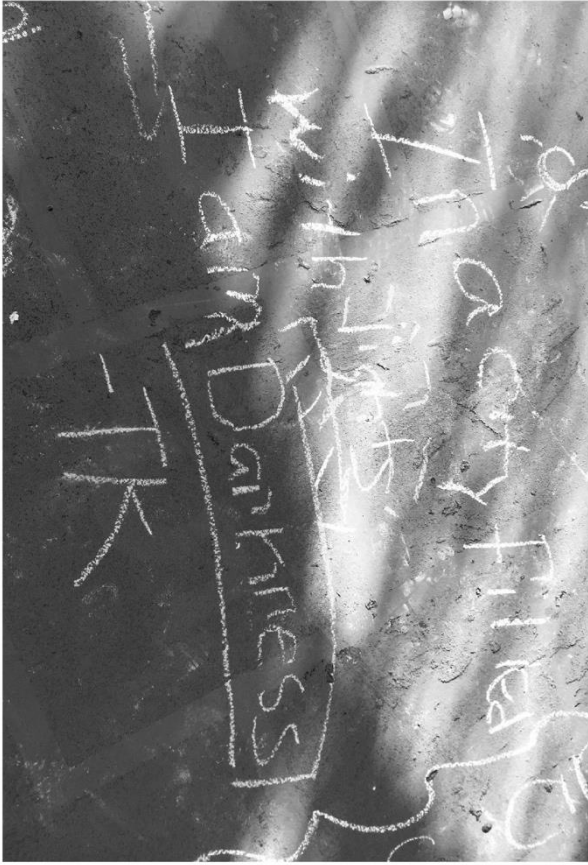
In the borough of poetry a train puffs by filled with quiet readers, noisy sleepers, annoying teens, and humble bums. Spiraling into what seems to be nothingness, hours, years and even centuries until you finally reach your destination. As you leave the train you low-key wish you could go back for more of that usually taste.

## Loving is living

To live you don't have to love even though it is better to,  
But you have to live to love

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# NYDIA S.

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## Shopping

When I go shopping I think about the style I like to wear and how I like to wear it. Say if I like my jeans cut near my knee that's just how like it, SEE!

Don't judge just trust in your style like ME.

If you're a country girl then ask yourself are you LUNCHY.

Well if I was country and lunchy then I would pick a pineapple color YELLOW SHIRT.

Since I love water I would choose blue jeans, and white shoes because I enjoy COCONUT JUICE.

Today is sunny so I go to the beach with my purple seat, so I can fall ASLEEP.

Wake up I see the sun beaming on ME.

Lemonade juice is tasty it sometimes make me CRAZY.

Listen to the ocean in a seashell. Like in school when the bell RINGS.

I hope you listen to my story to the end until it DINGS.

## My house

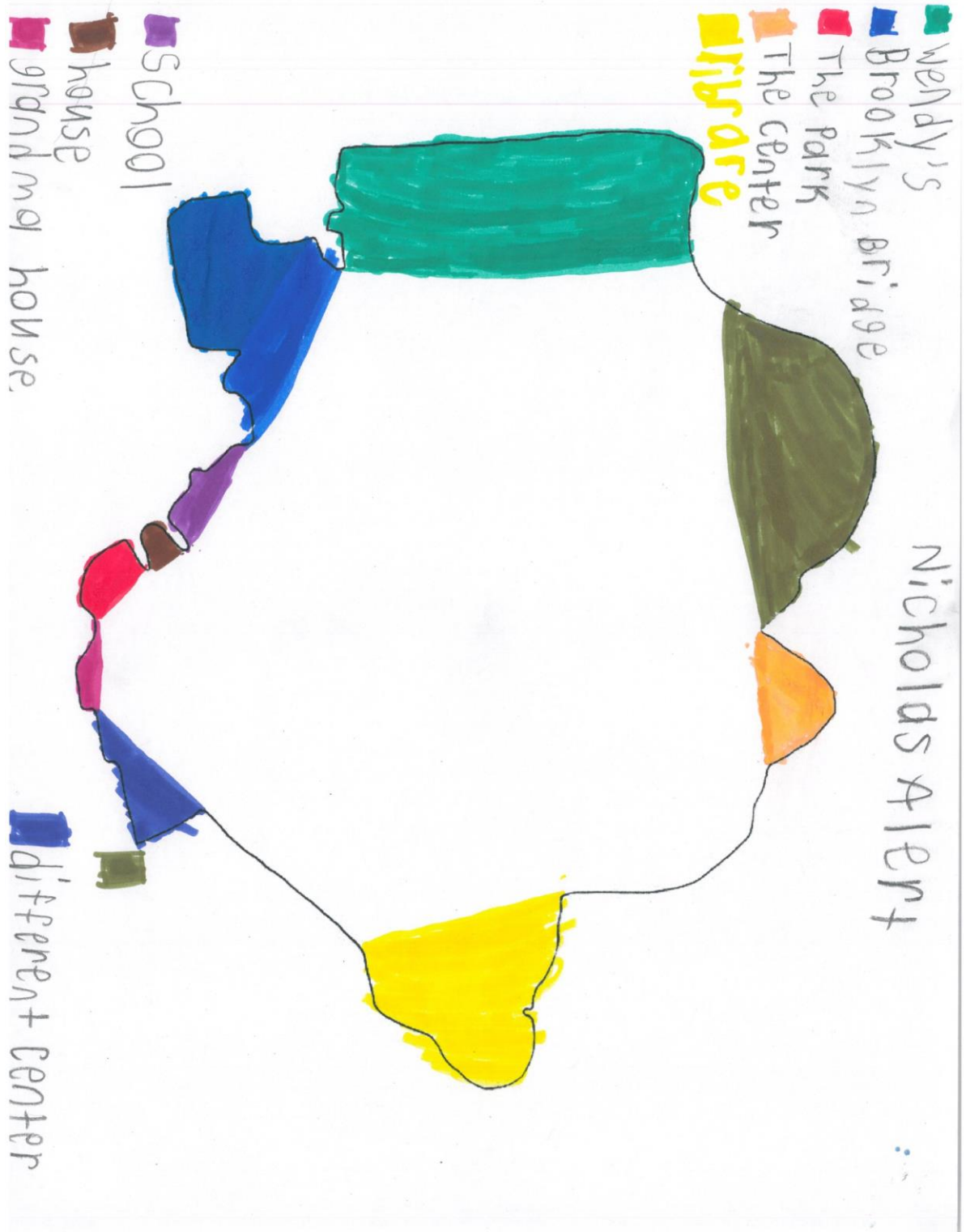
In my house there's a noise and I know it's not a mouse. It's my mom making her coffee to drink around the HOUSE.

If I help my dad make his breakfast maybe I can help work on his amazing brown DESK.

# HENRY Z.



# NICHOLAS A.



# BERNACHE P.





# JAYLEN M.

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# KHALIF G.

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## Gunshots flying

1. People dying
2. Mom is crying
3. Won't revenge that's the end you might die without saying goodbye
4. Next morning mom turns on the news
5. Son was abused now on the news
6. Kid in cast now he can't graduate his life is over
7. The end.

# KISHAWN W.

Kishawn  
Williams



# JONATHAN R.

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## 16 Bars For What I Love in Brooklyn

1. POPEYES
2. SHOPPING
3. VIDEO GAMES-GAMESTOP
4. BARCLAYS CENTER
5. SPORTS
6. 6IX9INE
7. MY FAMILY
8. FRIENDS
9. RESTAURANTS
10. BARBERSHOPS
11. KFC
12. TRIPPY REDD
13. 2K19
14. GTA
15. WWE
16. BMX BIKE

# TAJEER C.

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# ZION E.

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## 16 Bars

1. Yu-Gi-Oh Cards
2. Six Flags
3. Sky Zone
4. House
5. Asia
6. North
7. Minecraft
8. School
9. Dave & Busters
10. Comic Book Store
11. Wal-Mart
12. Bowling
13. Parks
14. BBQ
15. PowerPlant
16. Pizza Store
17. Stores
18. Court

# MANJEET S.

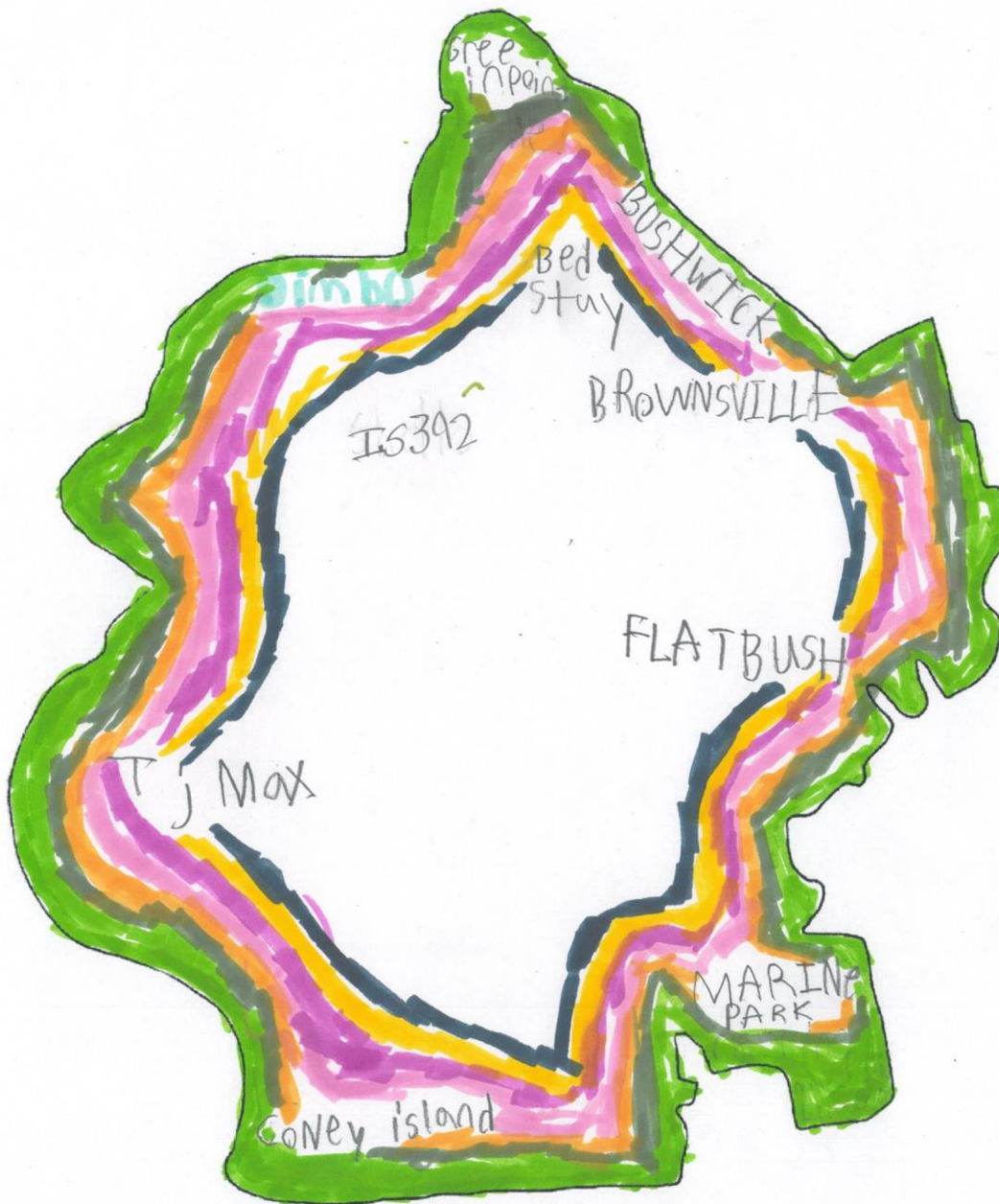
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## Bars for Video Games

I love playing videos games on all my gaming consoles  
I have a PS4 and PS3 and XBOX Oneand XBOX 360 and a Wii  
I love the games I have: WWE2k17 and WWE2k15 and Grand Theft Auto 5 plus  
RainbowSeigeSix Fortnite and NBA2k16 17 18 19  
When I'm bored I watch Netflix and YouTube  
If I'm bored I play games on my phone

# TAE SEAN T.

Taesean Thomas





# IYANNA G.

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## All About Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico is the place to be  
Between the lands & under the sea  
And also to visit family  
Between the music and the food I can't choose  
So why should I choose  
I like both  
We party all day to enjoy the night  
Taste the pastelillos they're good alright  
With beef and chicken  
So good  
And just add adobo, sazón and more  
Plus when you're there enjoy the beautiful stores  
Everything is spontaneous and festival



Iyanna Gilyard

# AIDEN GARCIA

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## 16 Bars for Empanadas

1. Some might have chicken  
some might have cheese  
some might have beef
2. The first empanada I ever had  
was chicken  
and from the first bite I knew  
it would be my favorite food
3. I could eat empanadas any time of the day  
lunch  
breakfast  
brunch  
and dinner
4. Empanadas don't have to be eaten plain  
they can be served as a variety of many  
different things
5. You can add rice
6. You can add beans
7. Eggs
8. Whatever you feel
9. Sometimes I help my mom make empanadas
10. This is how she does it
11. She boils the chicken  
and makes the beef at the same time
12. When she's done cooking it  
she adds a bunch of seasonings

13. She adds  
adobo, sazón, salt

14. When she's done cooking the chicken  
she wraps it in corn flour  
and then she dips it in oil  
forms it, takes it out  
and that's how the empanada is made

15. Lastly she makes the cheese  
she uses mozzarella cheese

16. Yummy in my tummy  
all of this empanada talk is making me hungry  
I better go and get me  
an empanada

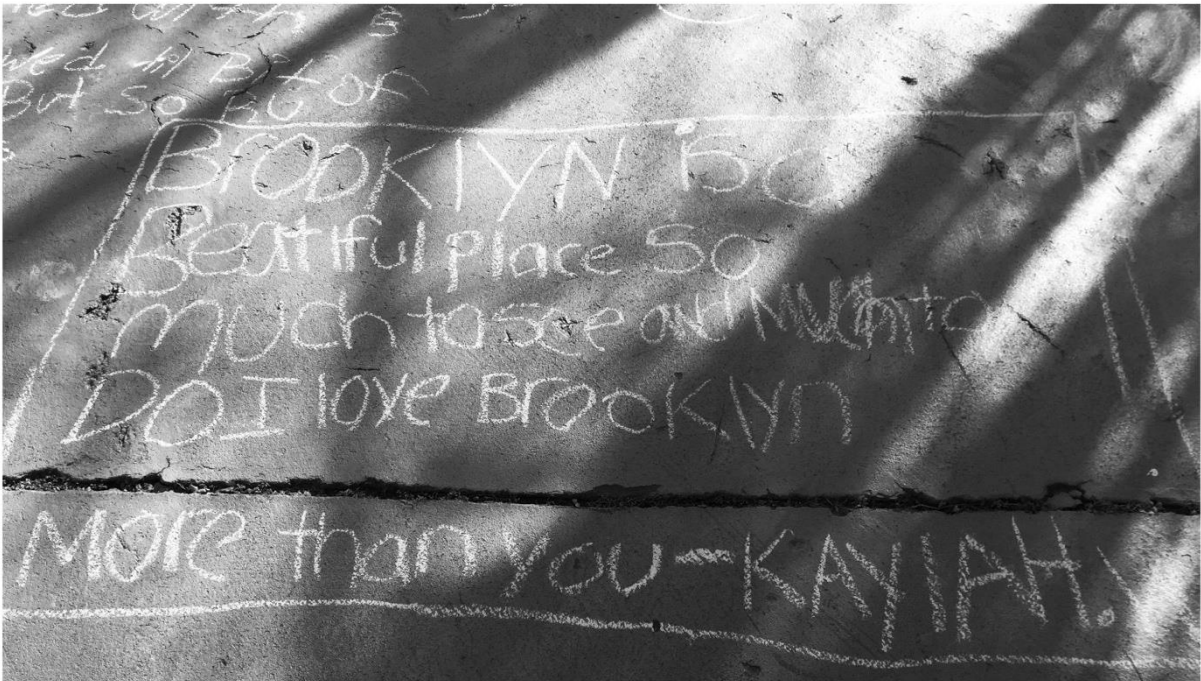
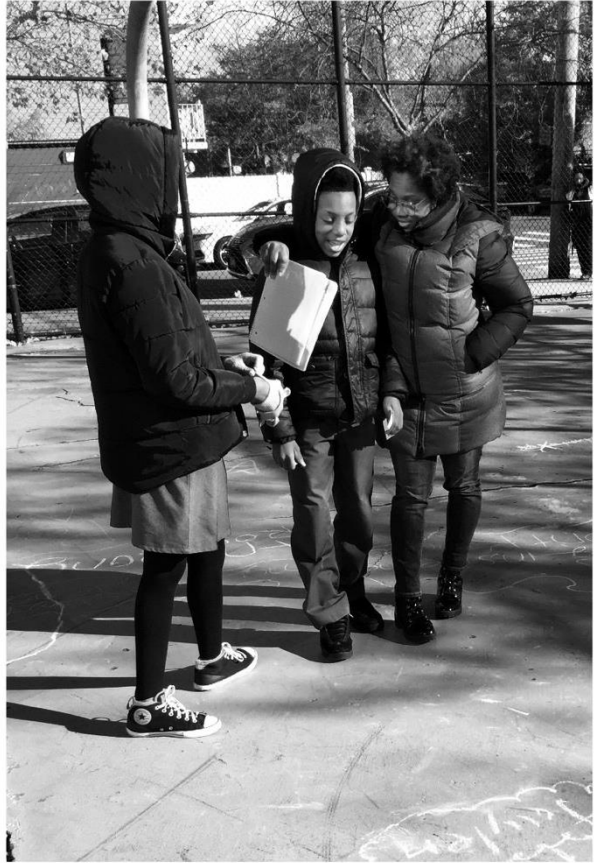
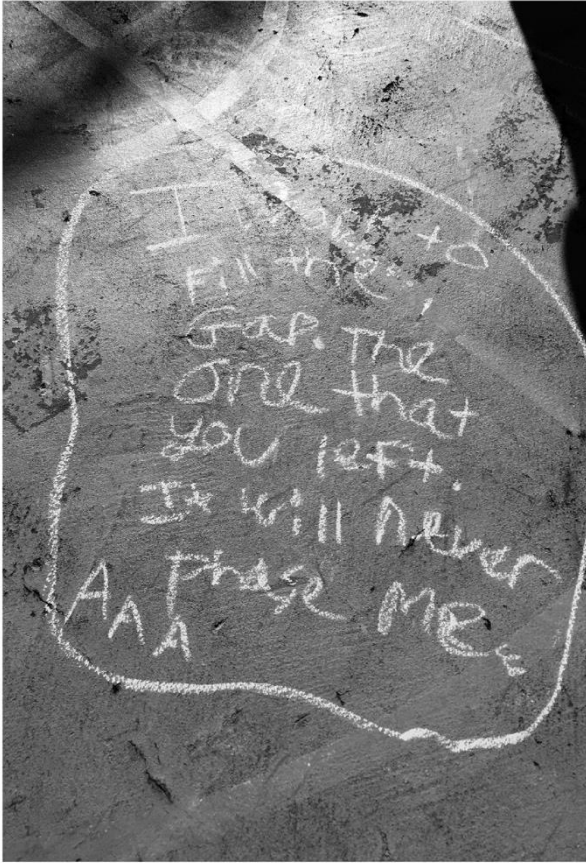
# KIMANI A.

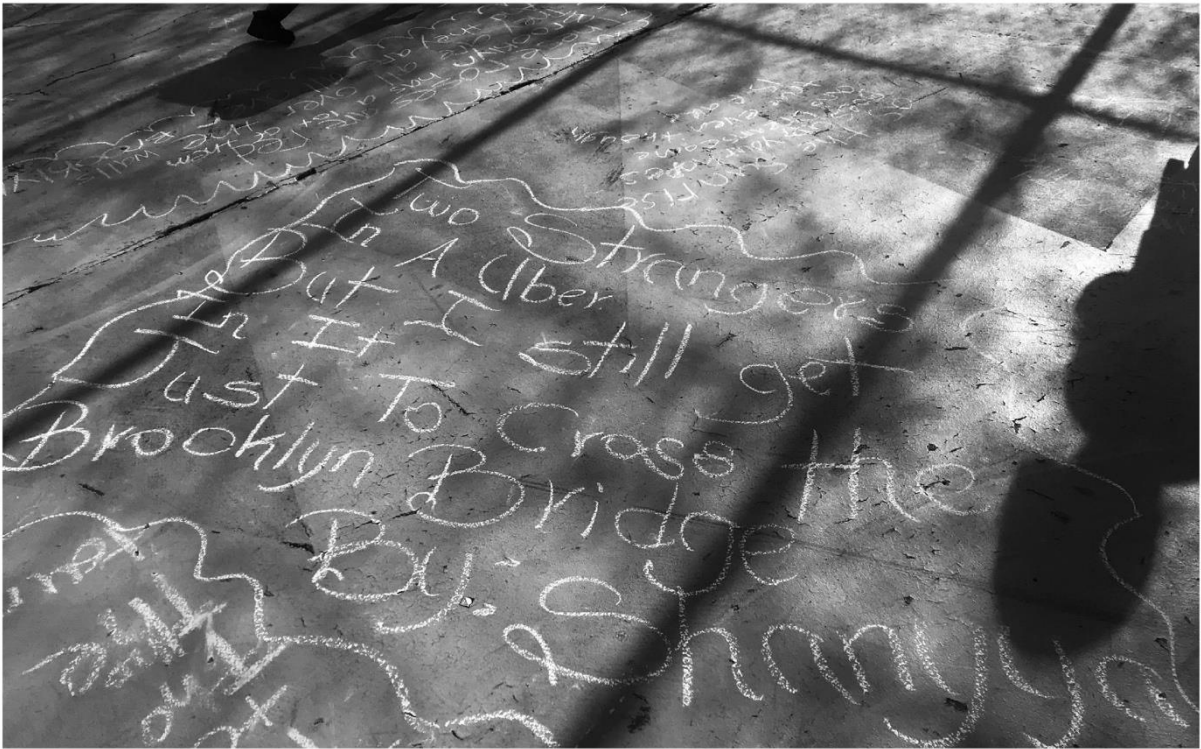
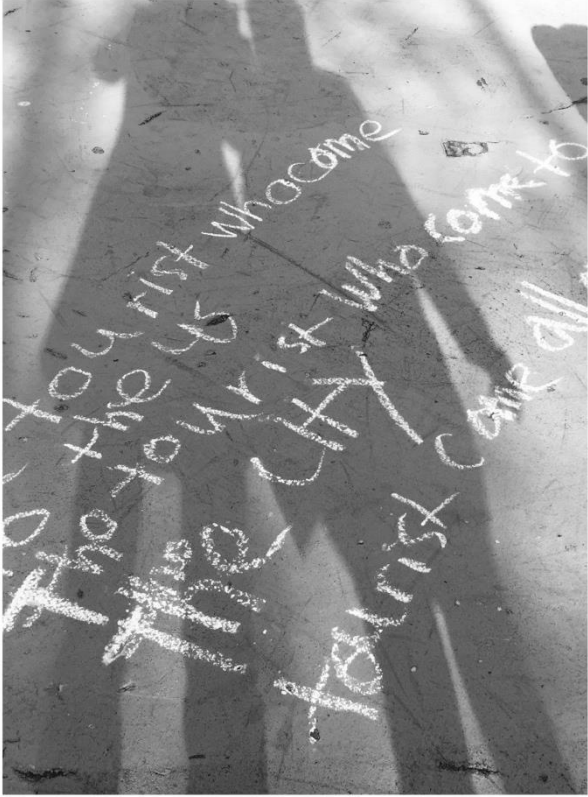
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## 16 Bars of Poverty

1. Poverty is a mind state.
2. Something that holds you down.
3. Poverty makes people do things they don't have to do like joining gangs.
4. Poverty: the government likes it.
5. When people need food stamps to eat.
6. When you don't have a choice but to scam, black boys getting killed.
7. It's funny how black people get recognized for acting animalistic.
8. Then when we do something good
9. Poverty is a trap.
10. That black men fall into.
11. They'd rather scam than get an eviction.
12. Poverty is a chain that you can break.
13. A loved one dying trying to get money.
14. My family's heart broken.
15. Poverty is something that defines who you are.
16. Not where you are.

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# CAYDEN W.

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## 12 bars for CONEY ISLAND

1. Children's laughter fill the air
2. Bright lights and Coasters steer
3. Long lines they fill the park
4. As funnel cake is being bought
5. The ocean crashes on the sand
6. Haunted houses & screams in hand
7. Music plays as people dance
8. There's only smiles and joy as planned
9. A popular place for you and me
10. It's full of rides and blows a breeze
11. Seagulls fly above our heads
12. It's Coney Island, Brooklyn's trend

# AARON ALI

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## 16 Bars For Pitkin

Nice and calm is how I like it  
But some crack heads on the street they stay wildin  
I close the windows and pretend they ain't there  
Then my mom come in, "AARON, YA BAID YET??!?!?!?!  
EVERYTHING IS GAME GAME GAME GAME"  
I go and do what I gots to do  
Before I get slapped all the way to Peru  
My life is casual, sometimes not  
Pitkin doesn't make it easier with all this non-  
Sensical yelling and all the beatings I receive  
I hope it shapes me into someone I want to be  
Pitkin will never change and I hope it never does  
All snug up in my bed sleeping all day  
All night  
Afternoon  
All the time  
Pitkin will never change and I'm glad it will stay that way.

# ZOË F.

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## My daddy got a job

My daddy smart, and momma got brains. My daddy drive to work, that's just how daddy rolls.  
My daddy drink Red Bull. Daddy never had a cavity. He got a phone, where I leave him  
messages. My daddy's not home. Daddy at work, at home, in the front yard, you see him  
working. In a whole other time zone.

# TIFFANY C.

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## My daddy got

A pullout couch,  
A mini fridge,  
A cell phone,  
and  
A pager...  
in HiS forehead



Tiffany Conner 801

# DEVON J.

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## Six bars for my star

1. Mom you're my star.
2. I know that life is hard.
3. I know you traveled far to get to where you are.
4. Thanks for caring for me even though it was hard.
5. You are my role model cause you are the type of person I want to be.
6. With you is always where I want to be because I love when you're with me.

# AAMIR R.

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## Inside Myself

1. Inside home, I'm all alone. I do what I want, so I can't be told no.
2. In the street, I force myself to be neat. But really I need a soft and warm sheet.
3. There isn't really much to talk about my life.  
Because my thoughts are in one broken butter knife.
4. Its late, I already ate.  
I'm pretty sure I'm gonna go to sleep way after 8.
5. I'm bored, ran out of ideas.  
It's too late for someone to buy a bed at Ikea.
6. Oh no, it's 3am, I don't praise Satan.  
I hope no one bad is outside waiting.
7. I'm gonna sleep, goodnight.  
I hope I dream tonight.
8. My dreams are everything I want.  
Haha, in real life? I really thought.
9. Roses are red, violets are blue.  
This poem is boring for me and you.
10. I went on YouTube, already shook.  
Wig snatched, eyebrows peeled, my attention was already took.
11. I'm pretty bored, I don't know what to do now.  
Let's see my recommended, let's watch funny videos of a cow.
12. Sorry for the last line, it was full of cringe.  
It hurt me a lot, like sucking up my blood with a syringe.
13. 3 more lines.

# JALEN A.

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## 6 Bars for Brooklyn

1. The place where people all know each other
2. Brownsville is a big part of Brooklyn
3. Marcus Garvey, Tilden, Van Dyke, Louis Houses, Brownsville Houses
4. The spot where people always play basketball
5. BROWNSVILLE
6. The place where people get SHIGGY

# KYLA A.

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WoW So Big

My DaDdY bAsEbAlI CaP  
gOt StReTcH mArKs  
HiS eYeBrOwS nEeD gPs  
To FiNd eAcH oThEr  
(RoAsTeD)  
nO wOnDeR mY dAdDy  
GoT a BiG a\*\* HeAd.  
It Is So BiG!!

# MEKHI C.

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We will sing about mom

I love you for what you did in my life

I'm grateful to have you in my life

You are a careful mother

You are a very grateful mother

I'm thankful for your hard work

I thank you for taking care of me when I was sick

I thank you for 15 years of keeping me alive

I thank you for giving me an education

Mom I thank you for providing me food everyday

Mom I thank you buying me clothes so I can stay warm

Mom I thank you for cheering me up when I'm down



I thank you for keeping safe

Mom I thank you for my things when I'm broke

I thank you for helping me graduate 5th grade

I thank you for paying my hospital bill when I'm hurt

I thank you for keeping me under shelter

## MELENA C.

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### 5 Bars for Cardi B

Cardi B is so funny and she makes the world so sunny.

When you see her your face is bright but when,  
she is gone there's no light.

People love when she says "okurrrt" but they are also fake and say it for god sake.

They love her style so they stay for a while.

# DEVIN R.

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## Mistakes

When two people take two different paths,  
there's a mistake  
However, when two people take the same path,  
there's a mistake  
The paths come together  
No matter what you do, what side you choose, what path you take,  
there's always a mistake  
Two different paths,  
one mistake  
No matter how different something is to the other,  
they're the same  
There's no difference to  
"similarities"  
There's also a mistake to a stake,  
I feel like I forcing the rhyme  
but I'm not  
No matter how good it looks,  
there's a mistake  
No matter how good it taste,  
there's a mistake  
Good, Bad,  
there's a mistake  
There's a mistake in this poem  
Which is why it's not perfect  
Don't try to make something perfect  
Nothing's perfect that's why there's  
Mistakes

# MARHALIA J.

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## 16 Bars for Mom

- 1 Mom, I will sing for you
2. All the hard work you've done
3. Walking from street to street, one kid in your hand
4. Two next to you, one grown enough, the other a young man
5. Living off, what you can afford to care for family
6. Dealing with my baby struggles, me asking for candy
7. Sister off to college, got tuition to pay
- 8 Brother breaks his leg, there's been a slight delay
9. To our future where our bonds are tighter
10. You grow us up to get smarter
11. Sister graduates, brothers off to college
12. I'm in 8th grade because you gave me all the knowledge to grow, and you've worked so hard
13. Caring as a nurse, loving as a mom
14. You've used up mostly all your cards
15. All that you've strived through
16. Don't worry mom, rest. We will all sing for you.

# BRIANNA S.

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## 8 bars for my home

1. Home, when you see me struggling to put in my keys why you don't be nice and at least help me.
2. You store so much things that I love my la cama, my comida so much love.
3. In you I hold so much pride yeah you make me smile and I don't know why.
4. Actually I do know why.
5. Because as I said you make me smile brighter than the noon light sky.
6. Home, I hope you're in the holiday spirit because it's that time of the year yeah it's about that time.
7. Home, yes you hold so much arguments, celebrations all the above.
8. Home, how do you feel about the new couches yes a little hard but still comfy.

# JOEL B.

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## Bars for My Bed

My bed you give me that warmth and comfort

I wonder how

Every time I sleep in school I wish that I was with you

During the day I'm glad to play but when I'm done I'm ready to sleep a ton

After a long day of play you make all my fears go away

Then I count my sheep while I am asleep

When I am asleep no one can make me beep

# EVELYN L.

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## My Forehead

My forehead is so big, it's a five-head.  
Everyone burst into tears when they see my forehead.  
People confuse my forehead with planets.  
My daddy he was impressed, 'cause I got brains with my big a\*\* head.

## 16 Line Bars

Home

We will sing about home  
Home is the place where all relaxation and joy comes in.  
Every time you come home,  
you yell "I'm in."  
When I'm forced to leave,  
my sister says  
"Please don't sneeze, because you know it's too quiet for that."  
Walking around, I trip on that gray mat  
and I step on my poor cat.  
But there's no place  
like home.  
Yelling, wailing, screaming, and loud music  
that's the natural sound.  
But, we don't like Twizzlers.  
We like Almond Mounds.



# DAMANY H.

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## Pizza

Pizza was invented Naples in 1889

The number 1 food in the world no doubt

It comes in a variety, so many types of pizza

In fact over 40 types

# SOFIA Q.

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## Playgrounds

1. Kids play, kids laugh, and kids cry
2. Playgrounds are meant for kids to play, to grow and leave
3. The playground stays and wait for kids to play
4. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12, and 13 year olds are able to have fun
5. They only come to laugh and play
6. Grown kids come to talk
7. Kids grows to teen, to adults, and old



# CHANCE B.

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## We will sing about sneakers

1. We all know some people think that they are not wearing fake shoes.
2. Some of these sneakers shops have Vans, Jordans, Nikes, and more but they are overpriced.
3. People sometimes are shoe collectors so they cop every pair.
4. People know how to design shoes that can fly, but can also flop like a fish do.
5. Even though sometimes we can't buy a pair.
6. We go window shopping and we stare.
7. Begging and wishing we had enough money to buy.
8. So we ask family and say they know a guy.
9. Then when you realize it's fake you start to cry.
10. So then you destroy it cause you don't like it and so then you realized you lied.
11. But you later realize that you can't get every pair.
12. Then you realize that you should've shared. You want shoes.
13. So you beg and beg to get them.
14. You don't really care about them so you forget them.

# SYDNEY B.

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## 9 Bars for POPEYES

1. Walk into the crib (ooh hooo)
2. What's that smell in the air (chicken)
3. Over to counter
4. Got something really good cooking up in there (drums)
5. Wings, legs, thighs, black pepper on fries.
6. Shrimps deep fried, brisket on the side.
7. Orange Fanta and macaroni
8. Come eat chicken with me.
9. Popeye's (in a deep voice)

# PRINCESS M.

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## Food is the Dude

We will sing about food  
It puts us in a good mood  
Gordon Ramsay would be proud  
If it doesn't make him shroud  
Crunch, crunch is the sound  
But sometimes it gets really loud  
That thing that really makes us cringe  
But it's really good to binge

# KEITH B.

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Ra dom ly RANDOMIZE-----ING

Mannnnnn i LOVE STUFF 😊  
Anything AND EVERYTHING TO Take 😊  
taKe whatchu ask 😊  
Take stuFf 😊  
RANDOMLY RANDOMIZing aGaIN 😊  
IDK WHAT TO WRITE 😊  
As imagine i SEE THE Light 😊  
“oHH My GoOdNeSs iT’S StUff”  
Crazy bazy filled with hazy-ness  
Im a mess..... or am i  
Oooooopppppsssss mind ran frreeee to be again  
Feed me now for i am hungryy  
What a pain in the butt bye  
Hi  
Bye  
Hi  
Bye  
hi

# TASHEKA K.

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## MOMMA DOZENS

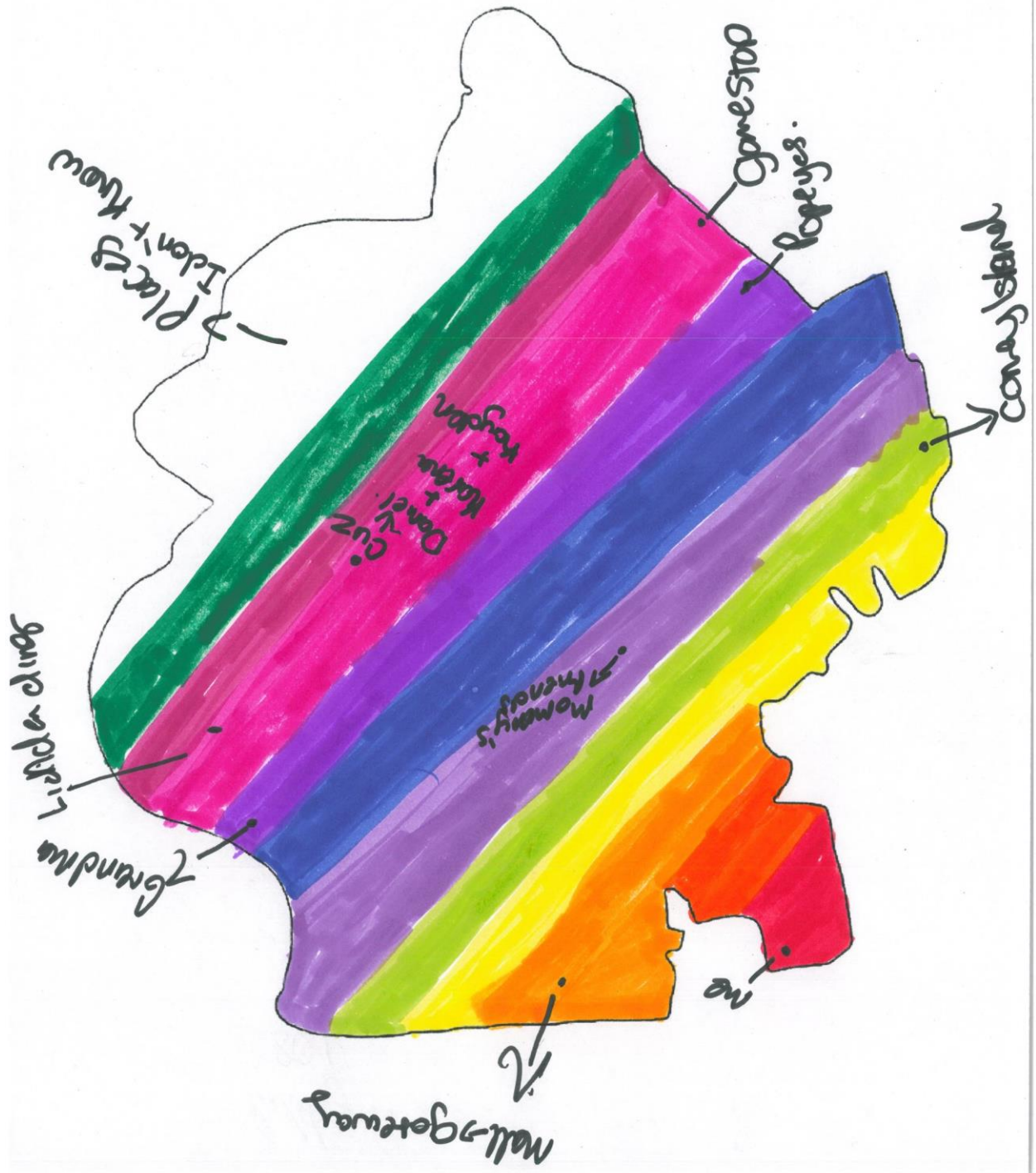
Momma got brains  
She so smart  
Know exactly how to drive  
Know the highways  
Know the free clinics  
My Momma got swag  
Dance to “Single Ladies” in the hallway  
My daddy’s not home  
So Momma saves a plate that turns cold  
But when my daddy does come home  
She can’t sleep right  
In the dark  
Through the windows  
Glass flickering  
You can see  
Momma burst into tears  
While my daddy’s at home

# BOBBY B.

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## Sydney’s Forehead

Sydney’s forehead is so big Tyra Banks burst into tears when she saw his eyebrows needing GPS to find each other. His forehead is so big, planets confuse his forehead for the sun. His forehead is so big that the couch cushions lose phones in his forehead. Sydney got his own area code. When Sydney’s not home his house or should I say forehead gets really cold and freezes.



# SAICE T.

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## EAST NEW YORK

Me and my team 20 deep we walk the streets of the east  
Will be at new lots by 3 we tryna get to this breesh if you  
Feeling froggy then leap blinded by violence you hardly  
Can see take it from me I dreamed about rollies and watches  
From patek philippe I know some people who want the same  
Things but steady the losing their lives to the streets

# ZOË F.

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## The \*best\*friend zone

1. Get to know my best friend...He's tall, athletic... and slim
2. Even in the night his eyes shine... Just wanna say he's all mine
3. My bestie's a track star... I believe he can make it far
4. He gets home late on practice days... but he still has time for me so I know he's here to stay
5. He has a lot of siblings and would make a great father... even in track he's the team's first starter
6. He's 15 and afraid of thunder... I know you think that's weird but age is just a number
7. He goes to Benjamin Banneker Academy... he's a 10th grader studying the human anatomy
8. His last name is Vanbuckley... to me that boy will never be ugly
9. He's really tall and he's 6 foot 1... every time we talk it's always fun
10. Even though he sometimes brings me pain... you already know that boy is my main
11. I have to say that kid stole my heart... everyone knows he's very smart
12. Yo amo jayden y el es muy perfecto... si no estás de acuerdo, lo siento
13. My family loves him as if he were their own... but they always tell me to watch my tone
14. The way we met was unreal... the friend opportunity was a steal
15. Being his best friend is something I'll never regret... he's the type of person you'll never forget
16. I know I've said he's the best... that's because I trust him over the rest