

**REPRESENTATION IS A PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION**

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Teachers and counselors, physicians and engineers,  
traditionally these have been labeled as "White-only" careers.

I may share the same knowledge and level of qualification,  
but to society that ain't matter when your race is regarded as  
needing sanctification.

Frequently I've been told "Do different, go low-  
-pursue somethin' smaller that won't make my inferior lil'  
head blow"

Deep down I know my capabilities, and am aware of all I want  
to achieve,  
but it is hard to get far in society when I'm forced to wear  
my prejudices on my sleeve.

I'm angry, I'm loud, I'm ratchet, I'm dumb,  
God forbid others around me believe in class I was top one.

Professors will demote and healthcare workers would undermine,

Justifyin' that I should be used to this, since it happens to  
"my people" all the time.

At night I fuss and turn, anxieties making my stomach churn,  
because my drive of success and progress will neva not burn.

I see my brothas savin' lives, my sistas solvin' cases,  
May all these Black youth remember they have the power to be  
goin' places!

It don't matter if you light, brown, or dark,  
we have the right and the ability to leave our mark.

I love seeing *my people* flood all of these elite and  
high-profile jobs,  
because they deserve to know that they can go farther than  
polishing door knobs.

When I think about the beauty of representation, I think of  
the power of manifestation,  
'cause saying you turned yo dreams into a reality is a real  
celebration.

May these Black babies dream and may these Black adults drive,  
because through our historical efforts - **we** keep the public  
sector alive.