## Hope Within Hype

In spite of sentiments regarding our skin
Longstanding condemnation like it's a sin
We continue to thrive in more ways than one
Excelling as masters in what's never been done
Creativity in full force and exemplified
Where truth and justice are able to collide
Whether a pen to paper or voice to a song
Our gifts are needed to address the wrong
Studying to show myself approved
To stand like a rock, being firm and unmoved
In spite of those who may dehumanize
The methods of the world I won't utilize
I choose to show grace and not retribution
Truth and righteousness are my solutions

-Jordan Thomas