

# POET'S CORNER

## The Choice

By Kamau Khalfani

Now after sleepless nights and lonely days, you feel the full effect of love's bright rays  
Both family and friends can lift their hands and rejoice, their little Queen has at last made her choice.  
Now the things that irritate them about her the most, will be a piece of the past, a shadowy ghost.  
The cute little girl is forever lost in the past, you can only hope she yields a similar cast.  
But don't despair, don't you dare fret, your years of teaching she'll not forget.  
It's from your tree this seed has taken root.  
You knew what you were doing, isn't she proof?  
So calm your heart and hold still your trembling voice, you have done your job well, she has made her choice.

## Blue Phi April Pie

(A Tribute to April's #1 Fool)  
By Phi Sigma Wickliffe -  
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Flying trees attached me,  
Freefall fell out of bed,  
Laughter took a bite out of me,  
Death ran away from me,  
The world stopped and kissed me,  
The devil took a day off,  
The Lord shook my hand,  
A whale walked me home,  
Spring wrote a novel,  
Sidewalks jogged through my neighborhood,  
Introductions ended before they began,  
Love bit the dust,  
Mothers divorced their children,  
Seeing bats ran into walls,  
Sorrow swallowed itself,  
Kappas wished they were Sigmas,  
The earth jumped rope,  
The cheese ate the mouse,  
The clouds went on a tour of clear blue skies,  
Paper wrote on pencils,  
The rain whistled,  
Water grew from flowers,  
The sun went on strike,  
Money grew from hobos pocket's,  
Cigarettes smoked people,  
Tomorrow came before yesterday,  
Poverty became richer than rich,  
Fog figured out a math problem.  
As the sandman swam in his dreams.

## A CURSILLISTA'S COMMENTS

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illusionists who masquerade as ministers pose the greatest threat to us. Conversely, our capacity to amend our lives as God wills, trust Jesus, and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in an active struggle for our liberation is our most effective weapon in this, our ongoing fight for equality. We possess boundless stores of anger for those who perpetuate our misery. We must, however, use that anger, or lose it under a tide of despair, disillusionment and complacency.

Our enemies, however, are hardly confined to the pulpits of somnambulant churches. Among our enemies are those found in law enforcement, in our schools, and in the media. Again, we concentrate and use our anger, lest we lost it.

Regarding the police there is no shortage of critics, among the vanguard is Dr. James Tate whose refreshingly uncompromising point-of-view is found within these pages. He brings the light of day to many otherwise surreptitious abuses, but he needs more help. Similarly, there's aggressive vigilance over callous and negligent treatment of our children by the school district. Rev. Scott,

Marzette Lewis, Deborah Jackson and others have shown what strong moral position and courageous activism can accomplish. But where the media is concerned our community needs greater effort, and here there are lessons to be learned from the renaissance of black activism during the 60's and early 70's.

We recognize the enmity of some in the Las Vegas print media, and scattered examples of detractors on radio. But many influential people involved in local TV believe they have carte blanche freedom to misrepresent us and behave as if they are guaranteed the ability to abuse us in various ways, at their pleasure and with impunity. Many of us are angry about this and intend not to lose that anger in transient passion, but to use it in collective rejection of the offenders, the worst of which operate KVBC-TV, channel 3 here in Las Vegas.

Most notable among this group are: James Rogers, pompous windbag and chief executive, who is frequently seen braying like a jackass in self-serving diatribes facetiously called editorials; Mike Cutler, news director and manipulator, who has the ethics of a whore and just last Friday crawled briefly from beneath a rock to appear on Channel 10's "Media Bash"; and Glenn Turner, production manager and, for the black community's purposes, the worst of the worst - the incarnation of Uncle Tom, a "house negro" as Malcolm would say - a modern Judas Iscariot, to use a biblical analogy.

These individuals, with their insect's-eye view of the world and elitist disdain for the underprivileged, lead an operation that is widely despised, and more importantly is vulnerable to a boycott of its broadcasts and sponsors. We have the power to send them a message in the only language they understand. Our anger is just, for if we seek the cause of our distorted images and mistreatment within and outside of that station, again, Our Lord's own words come to mind: "...I see an enemy's hand in this." (Mt. 13:28)

This is a topic upon which I shall elaborate in the very near future, meanwhile, suffice it for me to say that they have gone far to earn this community's anger. I suggest the time has come for us to use it.

We Christians here in Las Vegas know our role as peacemakers, but we've become passive, and Jesus, Whom we follow was not like that. (Mt. 10:34) Although His storied confrontation with moneychangers in the temple led in part to His assassination, He fought for what was right, and He was angry at the wrongdoers. Let us follow His example, and fight our neighbors' wrongdoing, with love for them, and anger as well.

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## HAM: THE FATHER OF BLACK/AFRICAN PEOPLES

(Part II)

By Gwen Walker

Information about Ham and his descendants is contained in 15 verses in the Bible (Genesis 10: 620) - 10:6-20

Descendants of Ham are Cush or Cushites, People of Seba or Sabians, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah (Sons of Raamah-Sheba, Depan) Sabteca and Nimrod.

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