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Uplifting Blackness Collection

Uplifting Blackness: A Showcase of Art by  
Western's Black Student Community

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## Seek Home

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*Seek home / homesick*

I went to a place where they knew my name  
When they called me  
It sounded like home  
They pronounced all my syllables correctly  
They said you and I knew they meant ME  
They said hello (ሰላም/salam)  
And imparted their peace with me  
They smiled with no fear in their eyes  
Their gaze reflected the bounty of their essence  
Their benevolence matched with defiance  
And I knew I've found my way home.

I found my lost self on the sidelines of a foreign city  
Along the dirt roads in the journey outside of me  
I can almost define me by what you're not  
It's in the fortitude of our broken ship  
And the bliss of our dark humor  
The dark edges of our luminous truth  
The myth - that is our history  
Our identity is a legend to you  
You cannot fathom that I be the origin  
And maybe, you are derived from me  
In an alternate version of reality

I went to a place where they spoke my truth  
*You* cannot understand it  
And that is why I miss home,  
Seek home.