

## **Short Poems © 2012 by Angela Brown**

### **Gymnastics Olympia**

Hooray for Gabby, with so much physique  
A true visionary of great intent  
Who leaped high toward victory  
With a unique routine that could beat  
Engineered all odds with twist vault turns  
Tumbling on to achieve world gold  
Her passion foretold with utmost class  
Energy and finesse, the dignity she expressed  
As she made her mark in Olympic history  
A world all around gold athlete is born

### **Being Born Black**

When God made man black  
He gave man the gift of courage  
He gave man the gift of strength  
He gave man the gift to lead  
He gave man the gift of endurance  
God made man black for a reason  
To glow with the moon and  
To shine with the sun

### **Black Fate**

I often reflect on history  
I am reminded of where I stand  
I am told I am not equal  
That my skin is inferior  
God gave me strength, yet,  
I am incapable of sustaining life riches  
Hope to be misunderstood for imposition

### **Black like Me**

I am as black  
As the ocean  
Pure as air  
Gentle as a rose  
Soft as grass  
I am black  
As tar  
Smooth as sand  
Perky as a wild thorn  
Childlike as the sun

**Hip Hop Bird**

His feathers were grey  
His beak was black  
He would flap his wings  
He would bounce his body  
He would whistle to the beat  
In harmony to African music  
And I swore he had black in him

**Whitney Houston**

When we have forgotten our youth  
Our glory fades in all reason  
We have forgotten our dreams  
To remind us who we are  
When we have lost all hope  
We remember how her voice would carry  
And how her words created peace in our hearts.