

The Black Ink's

Creative Edge

# Red

By Chris Riddick

I am no longer bound by those shackles  
That were wrapped around me even before I lived  
I am no longer bound I say  
You see, I have the power beyond your imagination.  
I cannot be held down or tied down.  
I am fueled by a fire unknown to man.  
I am enraged beyond your wildest dreams.  
My energy flows from the top of my head to the  
Soles of my feet, charging my body with supernatural  
Strength, fueling my mind with complex thoughts,  
My crimson blood boils throughout and fills my  
Veins with a charge of power unknown to none but me.

And when I walk about do not flee from me because  
You do not understand me.  
Flee from me because you do understand me.

I will never allow myself to be bound again.  
My heart shall pump vigorous life in me.  
My mind shall network ingenious thoughts like clockwork.  
My limbs shall operate with superhuman passion.  
And my mouth shall send forth a thunderous boom to all.

Through your eyes you see a menace, a threat, a beast.  
Through your eyes you see an inferior, weak-minded pawn.  
But even though you hate me, you fear me.

You cannot block my path!  
You cannot tie me down!  
You cannot hold me back!

Because I am enraged  
And my eyes see red.

# Beautiful Black Man

By Kilra C. Sheppard

a tall male tower  
looms over me  
he is strong and imperishable  
a rare element  
an endangered species  
on the brink of extinction  
yet fear he has not  
he has overcome captivity  
and refuses to be afraid  
unable to be condemned to conquered  
possessing a grace and beauty  
that are unparalleled  
he is overwhelming  
to the point that he is breathtaking  
I am in awe of his magnificence  
he invites me to enter  
into the depths of his soul.  
I become a part of him  
of his pain  
his suffering  
but there is more  
deeper  
sensuality passion  
pride  
a demand for respect  
and an unbreakable spirit  
that has eluded those  
that have  
brought him down for centuries  
he is greatness  
this Nubian god  
this beautiful  
black man