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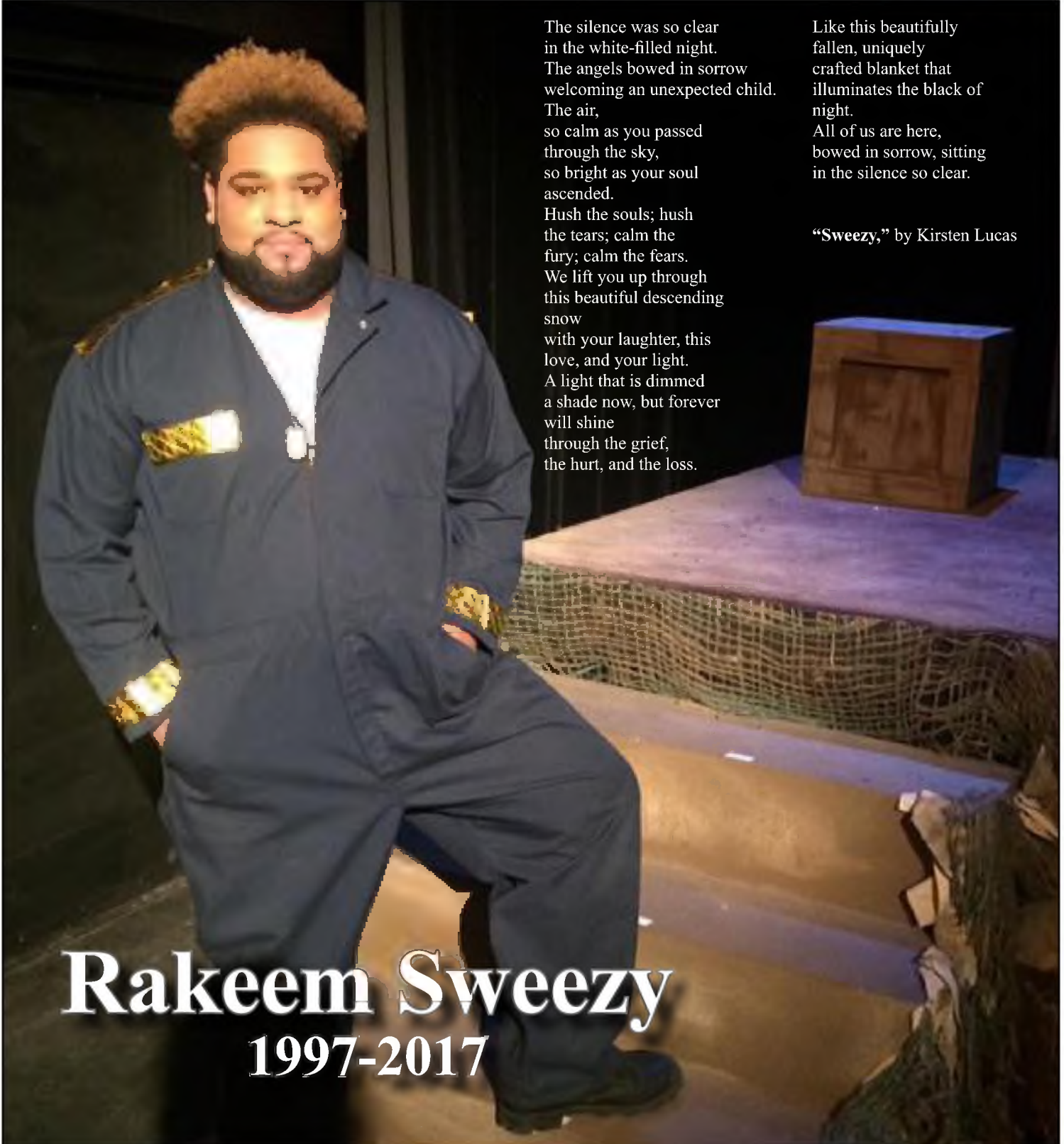
## A Tribute to Sweezy inside

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The silence was so clear  
in the white-filled night.  
The angels bowed in sorrow  
welcoming an unexpected child.  
The air,  
so calm as you passed  
through the sky,  
so bright as your soul  
ascended.  
Hush the souls; hush  
the tears; calm the  
fury; calm the fears.  
We lift you up through  
this beautiful descending  
snow  
with your laughter, this  
love, and your light.  
A light that is dimmed  
a shade now, but forever  
will shine  
through the grief,  
the hurt, and the loss.

Like this beautifully  
fallen, uniquely  
crafted blanket that  
illuminates the black of  
night.  
All of us are here,  
bowed in sorrow, sitting  
in the silence so clear.

“Sweezy,” by Kirsten Lucas

**Rakeem Sweezy**  
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