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Poetry Corner

WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO CALL HIM, A BLACK MAN, ENDANGERED SPECIES

WHY OH WHY, do you call, him, a
black man....an Endangered Species
Everyone knows that a man is the
leader in our families
But in the case of a BLACK MAN
society hungers to see him alone
Away from his CRYING BABIES...
Distant from his teary eyed
mother.....
And just invisible to all the FINE
SINGLE SISTAS that are waiting on
their NUBIAN KING
Within a GENERATION; the man
defines AUTHORITY, POWER and
STRENGTH.

Society's answer is to simply let
"go" in his journey of becoming a WISE
BLACK MAN

Thereby causing them to
DECREASE.... their KNOWLEDGE
SPAN

Black women, WE MUST HELP
IN THE FIGHT for our black man's
"FREEDOM" from a cruel hearted
land

For when they try and kick him
down this HUGE SLOPE of life's
failures

We as BLACK WOMEN must
encourage them to hold VERY tight, and
NEVER LET GO... FOR THERE IS

HOPE IN YOU, our BLACK
SONS, our BLACK FATHERS, OUR
BLACK LEADERS..... OUR BLACK

KINGS.
-Stephanie Powell-

IF I SHOULD DIE TOMORROW

(a black man to his son)

Listen son, while we have this time
together
lets not spend it just talking about the
weather.
There are black men who are dying
every single day
from every cause and in every kind
of way.

Many have died in wars in which
nobody has won
many have died in the streets from
some policeman's gun.

But the saddest thing of all that is so
hard to understand most of them are
killed by some other young black man.

So while I have you close, while I
have you near
there are things I must say, things
you must hear.

Cause far too often people fail to
communicate what they wished to say
many times come much too late.

For a black man this world will
always be a struggle
for anyone that matter, but for you
it'll be double.

But never think for a moment you
cannot conquer anything always
remember your people were once kings
and queens.

And although you live in this country
called America your spirit is from the
motherland, continent of Africa.

And though you love to emulate your
idol Michael Jordan remember your
ancestors drank from the River Jordan.

Many times you've asked me, Dad
why all the history? Cause where we're
at at now son is now where we should be.

There is something that is just so
terribly wrong. It's like the black man is
lost in a twilight zone.

When you see young brothers not
much older than you
killing each other like there's just
nothing else to do.

Over materialism, a misguided
statement, an ounce of crack

I don't want you to think its always
been like that.

When you see black men on corners
holding up the walls
remember the time black men stood
so very tall.

Today it's a secret the things he
invented and created.

things the world would be without
and still be waiting.

There's so many inventions that are
kept hid

not to mention the great wonders of
the pyramids.

For instance, who do you think is the
father of medicine?

There's even speculation about the
inventions of Edison.

When you see black women walking
up and down streets
jumping in and out of cars for some
trick or treat
remember it's only because they
have lost their place
but it's a direct result of their man's
fall from grace.

And as you grow up being black,
proud and strong
it's incumbent on you to try to uplift
your own.

If you meet a sister and your heart
goes to thumping
it's incumbent on you to respect that
black woman.

Cause among all the colors of this
universal equation
the world hates to admit it, she's the
mother of creation.

Will it be your generation who puts
her back on her throne?

Will it be your generation who'll
correct these wrongs?

So son,
as you meet this world with all it's
problems to bear
remember Langston, "life for me
ain't been no crystal stair."

And if I should die tomorrow by any
stroke of fate,

I'm glad we had this talk before it
was too late.

- Abil Zlyad Shabir -

*From the Internet

Volleyball Team Has New Coach

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A former middle school volleyball
coach has joined Winston-Salem State
University's athletic staff.

Terri Eanes has been named new
head coach for women's volleyball.
After two years of coaching basketball at
Livingstone College, Eanes began to feel
she needed a change.

"I knew the direction that Coach

Debra Clark had the basketball team
going in, and I was interested in getting
on board over here and advancing. I
knew it was a successful program and I
felt it was a good situation to get in," she
said.

Although this is her first time
coaching volleyball on a collegiate level,
Eanes has coached volleyball at a
middle school in Rowan county.

With nine eligible players, six of

whom are returning, Eanes plans to use
her middle school coaching experience
to help the Lady Rams have a successful
season.

"I've been really excited watching
them practice because they have a lot of
enthusiasm and I think we are going to
surprise a lot of people. At first I didn't
know what to expect from the players but
they have been working really hard and I
am impressed," she said.

According to Eanes, "Yolanda
Parker is one of the strongest hitters on
the team. Kenya Bridges, is doing well
all around and Kenisha Williams, who is
the returning MVP, is the heart and soul
of the team.

Later this month, Eanes will also be
taking on the duty of assistant basketball
coach.