



## a young Black girl

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*free-verse poem*

A young Black girl who grew up in the hood

Who grew up reserved

A young Black girl whose mama always tried to protect

Mama always taught me to be independent and confident

To not be afraid of using my voice

To understand that I matter

My opinions and thoughts matter

Always reminded me of the Black queen I am

A young Black girl who is not afraid of the world

Mama raised a confident young girl

Who fights for what she believes

And has the confidence of a goddess

I am a young Black girl

*digital photography*

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# a not so social butterfly