

# VISIONS OF HOPE



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### **STAR OF HOPE by S**

Moon, Star of Islam  
Mosque every Friday  
Malcom X, Muhammed Ali, Civil Rights  
Activism that brings me to my black culture  
Allah - A higher power to look for when in need  
Hard to pray five times a day  
When your heart is dismayed  
Waiting for Ramadan  
So I can wash my sins away

### **LOST by S**

Shivering and shaking in the freezing cold  
Snow falling from the pine trees  
White covered bears in the distance  
Worried...can't find my path  
Disoriented  
In the blurry green and white of never-ending forest  
Look to my compass and start heading south  
See a snowy street, salvation, walk another day

### **STUCK by S**

Woke up.  
Look to my right.  
No window.  
Supposed to stay here for a day.  
My father sent me away.  
Away from home.  
Like I'm stuck in a dome .

### **TRUST NONE by S**

Most of these people are fake  
When you finally have a break  
They get greedy  
Even when you sit them to eat  
They'll finesse you and steal the whole seat  
Leave you on the line, find yourself sinking  
Then they go home thinking...  
You haven't connected the dots.  
Next time, I'll hide my treasure in a different spot

### **RIDE OR DIE by Z1 & D**

When I look into your eyes  
It's as pretty as the sunshine  
Give me one more chance  
To prove you I'm a good guy  
Last time I saw you  
I was so happy I wanted to cry  
You were my ride and die  
You were the only thing in my life

### **GORILLA by C**

I'm hungry, I need to eat  
I got really big feet  
I got a wide nose and  
Long toenails on my toes  
I own the jungle  
I hunt in the day  
To find my prey  
I got fleas and I'm jumping in trees  
Free. Eating leaves

### **CURIOSITY by S**

My hands clench and twitch  
I'm tired, exhausted, angry  
Curiosity burning  
Like putting a circle in a square  
Doesn't fit  
Doesn't work  
Tired of waiting  
Tired of lies  
False hope  
Holding back is a pain  
But I have to play the game.

### **SIMPLY WILD by M**

I am running wild  
I am free to do what I want  
I eat when I feel like it  
I don't if I don't want to  
And that's it

### **HOPE IS A DREAM by H.K.M64**

Hope is a dream  
To become successful in my life  
And stay away from trouble  
Family is always the first thing  
On my mind  
Thinking about them  
And hurts me to be without them  
Them thinking about me  
That I can do better  
**I CAN DO BETTER!**  
Hope is the future

### **WORST DAY by H.K.M64**

Waking up, nervous, waiting for transport  
Pick me up, standing, sitting, up and down, constantly  
Line me up, thinking, where will I go,  
Heart Beating. Faster and Faster  
Heart beating. Faster and Faster  
160 days. Damn.  
Put me inside, too much time, mad, angry,  
Gotta deal with it. No choice. Can't leave.

### **POLLUTION by H.K.M64**

Dirty pollution on the streets  
Trucks making loud noises  
Water flooding from the hydrants  
People fighting with fists and voices  
All this crime and pollution  
Needs a solution

### **SOFT RELIGIOUS by H.K.M64**

8 hours without eating  
Praying five times a day  
For Allah to take me away  
Eating on a date 8 hours later  
Feasting like a king  
Reading the Quran and praying to Allah for all my sins  
Going to the mosque every Friday  
That feeling. The soft religious carpet.

### **ALWAYS THERE by AL**

Always There  
They are always there  
For me.  
No matter what  
And that's what is  
Most important  
To me.  
To live my life with them.

### **DREAMIN' by AL**

When someone is drowning  
Their heart races  
And starts...to slow down...  
The brain goes dead  
They have dreams of whatever they want  
And their lungs fill with water

### **HOPE IS IN YOUR HEAD by THE GROUP**

Hope this time goes faster  
Get back together  
That things will rise, will change.  
Hope is a dream, sometimes useless, to keep us in line  
Hope is a dream, sometimes hard, a punch in the gut  
Hope is a dream, of getting through, not getting caught  
Hope is not caught up in trouble.  
Hope is for help.  
Fresh memes and good times that don't die.  
Hope is family, back home together.  
Never letting love go again.  
Hope is becoming successful. I hope I hope I hope. Every day.  
No hope, no future.  
My niece and nephew on a better path.  
The world could end, some days I hope.  
But life keeps going, hope keeps going.  
Hope is in your head.

### **HOPE IS A DREAM WITH MOM by N**

I hope I get to see my mother  
It's what I think about every night  
Nothing else matters  
With all this time on my hands  
I'm thinking about time  
Time spent & time wasted  
I picture us free and together  
Not caught up in our troubles  
Then time will be on our side  
Hope is our future

### **IN n OUT CHALLENGE by N**

BMX bike through Fairview  
Saw it once on youtube  
Took the challenge, see how long it takes  
Before Security nabs you  
In n' Out, sounds like fun to me  
Rode right through the front  
People talking, picture, all eyes on me  
Twist and swerve, ride through then bounce  
Few minutes was enough.  
Forget it, I'm gone.

### **BEAR POUMPOUM by H**

Waking up after the winter  
Hungry.  
Skinny.  
When I went to bed,  
I was fat.  
Now I'm looking for bear poumpoum.  
I'm looking for salmon too.

### **LION SEES BLOOD by Z**

I yawn  
Not scared of no one I see  
On a mountain  
I see a gazelle over there.  
I see blood  
I stretch.  
I move towards it.  
Very quickly.  
I catch him easy.  
The king of the jungle.

### **C'EST LUCKY L'MEILLEUR by Z**

C'est Lucky  
l'meilleur  
Est ce-que t'entend  
Les femme m'appelle  
J'les parle pas mais je les entend  
Je rente chez moi  
La nuit les femme m'attend  
Je vien du 400 est ce-que  
Les gars dise chu  
Le meilleur sa sa ses cs que tetand.

### **POLITICAL FICTION by V**

Why do you say you work hard? You work in an office  
All you do is count money and then steal profits.  
While in other places, people need clothing, working hard and sewing  
My musical heart beats, I hear it throbbing  
Politicians are just fiction, they say something but they do nothing  
Lies and lies built up make separate sections  
I bet no one will choose the best person for the election  
Like I said, politics is just fiction.  
I'm in a cell, I can tell, the people who need it  
The bad ones just feed it, the good ones we see it.  
I'm like a plant that is planted but on the wrong planet  
I'm like a dark ghost call me dark phantom  
I hit the bad ones, I call scum that drink rum, fat like a big lump  
As bad as the big fat clown Donald Trump

### **IGLOO WARNING by S**

North pole melting away  
Flooding our streets and homes  
Going to end up living in a dome  
Either we freeze the water and start over  
Or we use a lucky clover  
And stop it before it starts  
Start using electric cars  
Use bikes too  
Unless you want to live in an igloo

### **NOISE POLLUTION by C**

The stress of never sleeping  
The louder the truck, the darker the smoke  
I can't think! All that fucking noise.  
Trucks always passing and waking us up  
Life turned into a constant scream  
War sounds banging in my ears  
Maybe...electric cars...will calm it down.

### **GROUP POEM - ANEMIC COLD**

Shivering. Freezing  
I wish I had someone to hold.  
Cold, anemic winds. Frozen hands.  
Fallen tree trucks, blocking the way  
All around me, evergreen trees  
This beauty surpasses the horizon  
Tears frozen on my cheeks  
Snow falling from the pine trees  
Snow covered bears, seen in the distance  
My heart beats faster  
Try my walkie-talkie, nothing but static  
Loss of vision  
Lost like a child.  
Cold and tired.  
Disoriented. Without a path.  
Suddenly the sun shines, an opening  
The compass leads me south.



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