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I'm from the struggle.

I'm from a world full of hatred.

I'm from a country who oppresses me systematically,
but says we're all equal.

I'm from a country,
who would rather put money in a war than my education.

I'm from a country who would rather see me fail,
than flourish.

I'm from a country whose leader discriminates against people of color,
but claims it as, "Making America great again."

I'm from a country who has enslaved millions of my people.

I'm from a country who disregards the individuals,
that contributed to their creation.

I'm from a country who pours many of my people,
to a jail cell for a profit, then calls it mass incarceration.

I'm from a society that portrays me as menace,
and is blinded by my dark complexion.

I'm from a society who brands me
as a criminal, delinquent, and a felon.

I'm from a society who labels me,
as just another a statistic.

I'm from a society where it's easier for a kid
to get his hands on drugs than a diploma.

I'm from a society where they would rather lock me up,
than prevent the circumstances that will get me there.

I'm from a place where the only way to make it out,
is by running down a field or shooting a ball through a basket.

I'm from a place where I can't walk,
without fear of the men in blue.

I'm from place where I can't go to a store,
without hearing, "Excuse me, may I help you."

I'm from a generation that would rather chase paper,
than progress their neighborhood and community.

But don't be mistaken.

I'm from success.

I'm from a world of unity.
I'm from a country who trumps hate with love.
I'm from the land of the free.
I'm from a society who praises the process.
I'm from a place that's full of perseverance, determination, and intelligence.
I'm from the generation whose minds will transform the world forever.
I'm from a home that cares and nourishes me.
I'm from a home whose standard is only excellence.
I'm from a mindset that thrives off of the hunger for knowledge and greatness.
I'm from driving through trials and tribulations and striving through the world of temptations
I'm from the long history of Kings and Queens.
I'm from the strong roots of Nigeria.
I'm from a place,
where we don't let our situation bring us down, but lift us up.
I'm from defying all odds set against me, that would make me fall, but I rise.

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