

# LISTEN TO EACH OTHER NOW

HONORING **DR. JOSIE R. JOHNSON**



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## **LISTEN TO EACH OTHER NOW**

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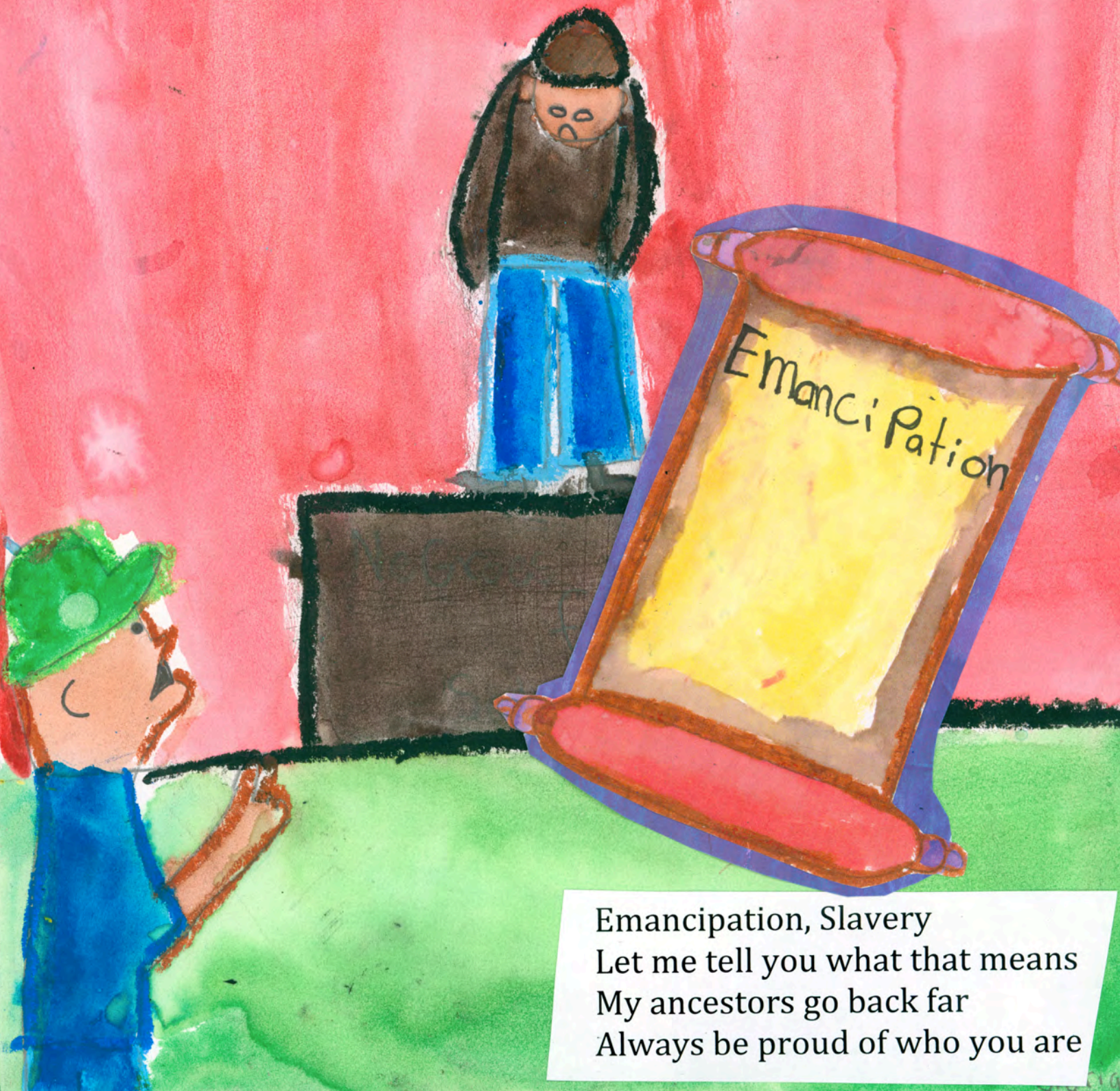
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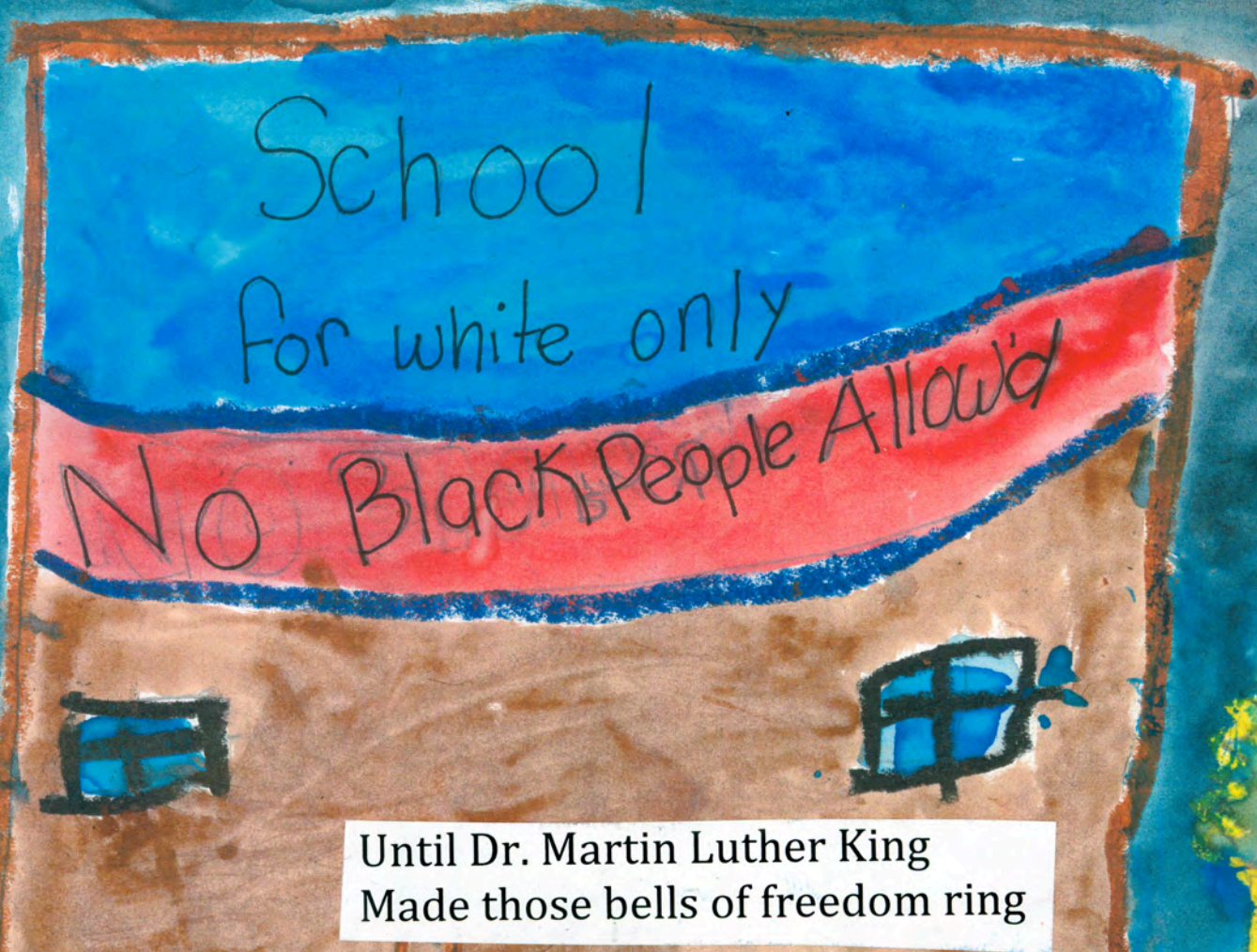
# Auction



Emancipation, Slavery  
Let me tell you what that means  
My ancestors go back far  
Always be proud of who you are



Separate churches, separate schools,  
Could not swim in the public pool




Until Dr. Martin Luther King  
Made those bells of freedom ring





Don't let no one reduce you to  
Their level I'm telling you





Listen to each other now!



My great grandfather was a slave  
Who I knew at an early age  
It was not that long ago  
When men like him were bought and sold




Ve, Slave, Slave,





Though denied opportunity  
My people strongly believed  
In building schools, so we could learn





From each of them these words I heard  
“Don’t let no one reduce you to  
Their level I’m telling you.”







Listen to each other  
Now is the time  
Now is the time  
Now is the time for love



FREEDOM

Don't get angry  
Hold your head up high



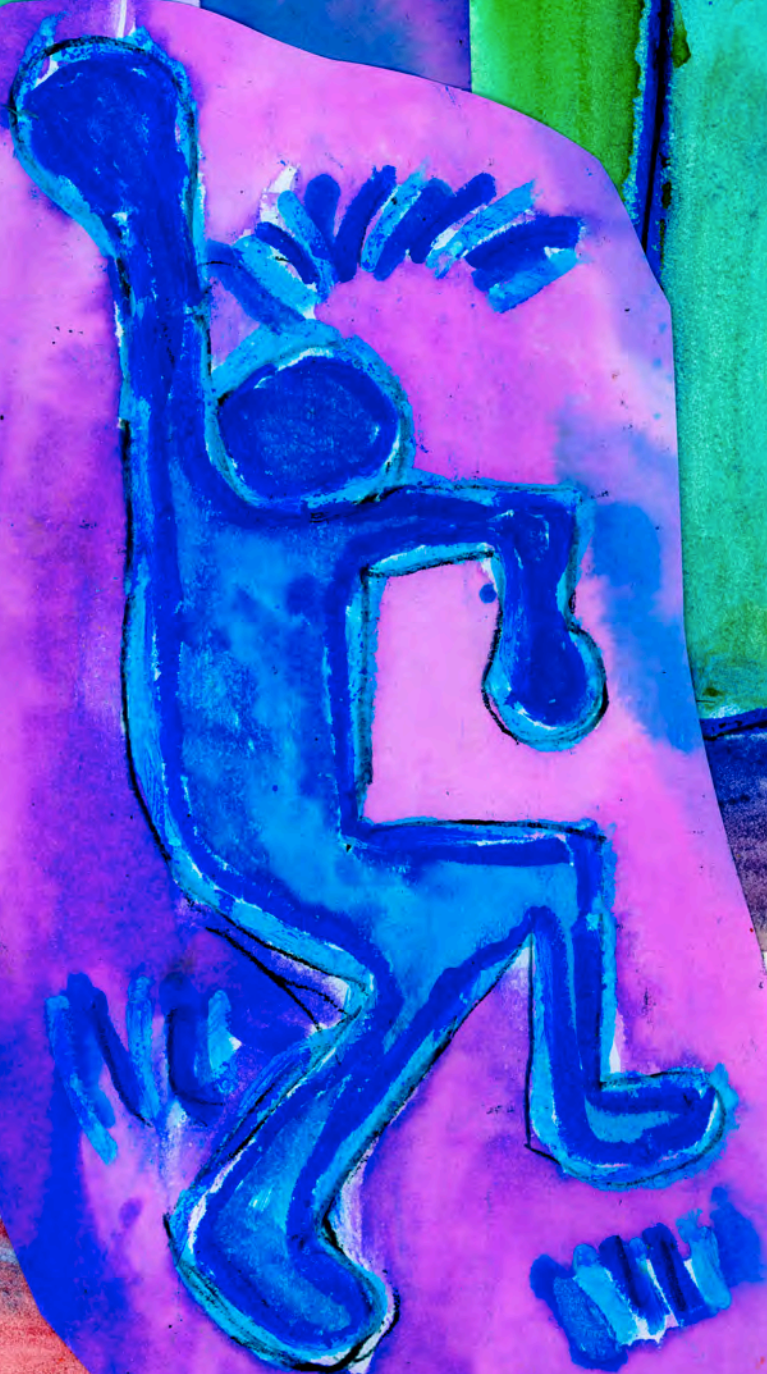
Respect yourself  
Though some may try  
To pull you down  
It can't be done



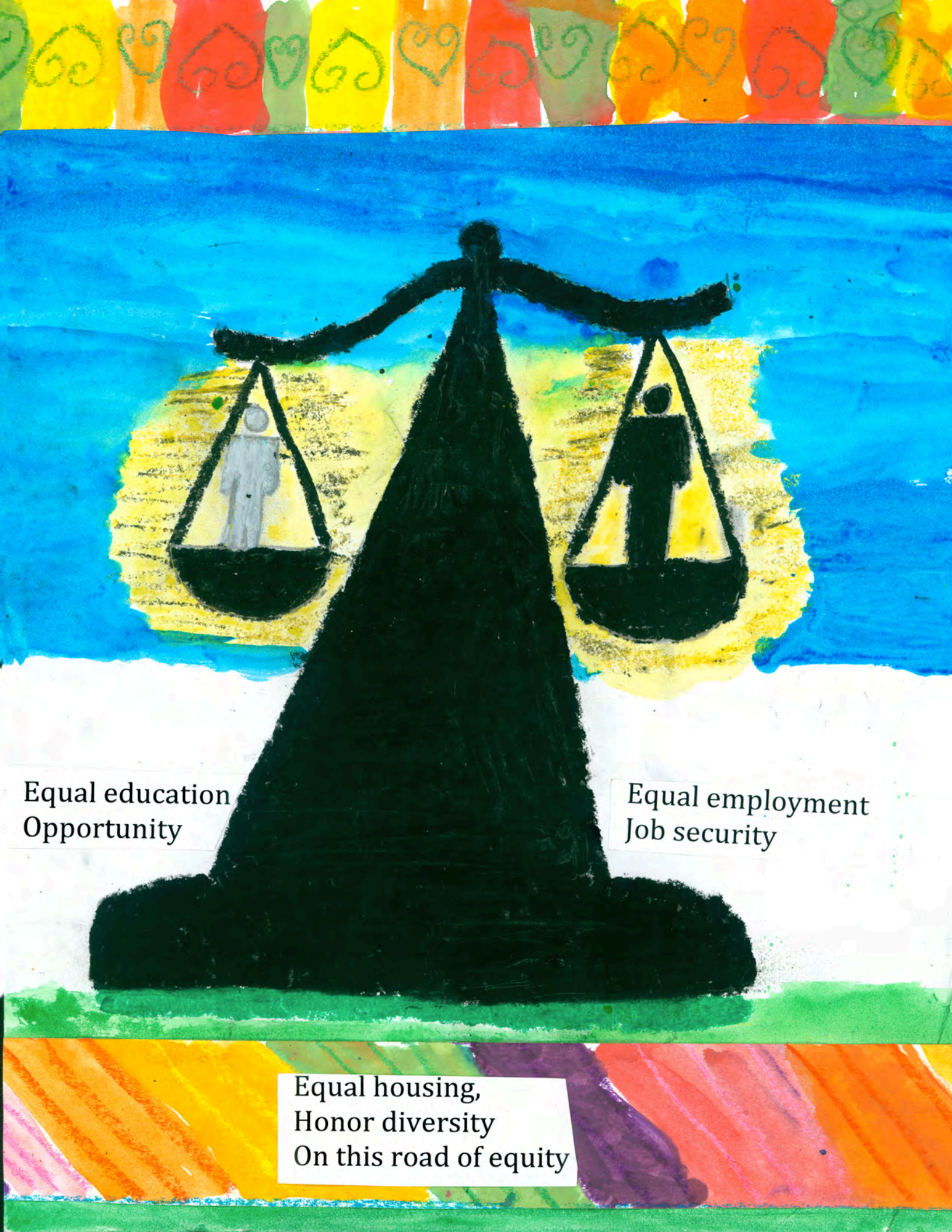


From a prôud people  
We do come

Emanci-  
pation







Equal education  
Opportunity

Equal employment  
Job security

Equal housing,  
Honor diversity  
On this road of equity



Don't let no one reduce you to  
Their level I'm telling you







Listen to each other now!







Couldn't try on clothes in Department Stores  
Nor rent costumes, though we could afford



Until Bayard Rustin and countless blacks  
Gave us the courage to not step back







Like my father who studied law  
My Grandmother so very strong

Upon their shoulders we do stand  
The time is now to lend a hand





Don't let no one reduce you to  
Their level I'm telling you



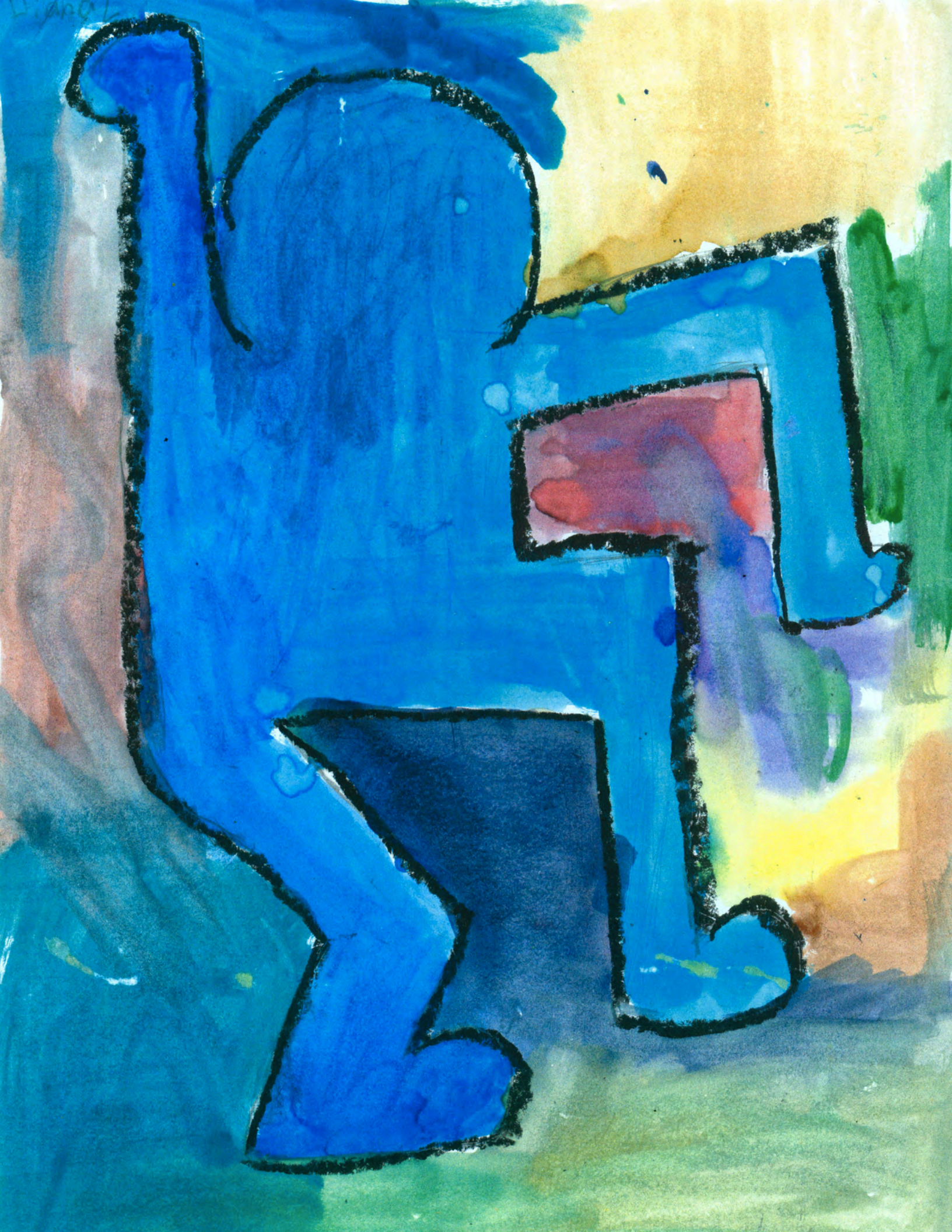


LISTEN  
NOW



Listen to each other now







Anubis

Diana

Jazmin

KAEKO

Jairo

DeJa

José

Gloria

Dulce

Axel

Sergio

Andy G

ANDYR.

Tamarra

Hilaria

Voris

William

Victor

Luis

Gaby

Aldair

Adely.

Tatiana

Wilmar

Jeffrey

ANNIE

ALEJANDRO

BIRNY

Emily

YASEL

Gisselle

Jimmy







## ABOUT THIS BOOK:

LISTEN TO EACH OTHER NOW was produced through an educational and cultural program created by Smithsonian Folkways Recording artist Larry Long, entitled Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song.

Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song is a program of Community Celebration of Place, a non-profit organization, which works with communities through music, performance, art and oral history to bring together children, elders, and people of different backgrounds-economic, faith, racial and cultural-in order to build intergenerational and multicultural opportunities for all schools and communities to prosper.

Dr. Tony Seeger, Curator Emeritus of Smithsonian Folkways, writes, *"When senior members of a community talk about their lives and work and children write songs with Larry Long about what they have learned from the elders, they create a remarkable celebration of humanity and hard work."*



To learn more about Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song:  
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