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Group Poem #1

I Just Want to Be Me
Ignored the coach, but still won.
Played lazy played scared,
Played like Summer was almost awake.
The leaves, wind from trees against ocean
waves high against the sand,
so hot and unlucky.
I sat in grass and mint for a minute
and paid no silver moonlight as adults run,
and children look away.
When night runs back to the hotel,
you made an enemy of her always once.
She is less like a friend than family.

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Group Poem #2

I am from...

I am from pots and pans, oven and iPad, from
bottom bunk, cotton plants and
Christmas in dreams, from swimming goggles
and the sea.

I am from clothes and backpacks, barbecue ribs
and porches, butterscotch and big oak trees.
From "Stop! You're under arrest!", Apple sauce
and cherry pie lemonade.

I am from banana splits, pizza rolls, lavender,
"Don't do that,", "Don't touch that,", from dogs,
Xbox, Nike and Adidas, from orange flowers,
from basketball and beef jerky.

I am from waking up to dogs asking to go
outside, from the smell of fresh coffee,
from my mom working, saying "love you" and
goodbye.

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Group Poem #3

Just me
I remember the day I flew away
I started using math
to calculate fear
The sea is moonlight. Night sky is
salt, the wind blows, screams
are the lost.
The beams of the sun beaming on my
body, on cars on birds on
people all around.
We wonder why we hear what we hear
and not the smell of fresh grass,
the smell of what we see.
Why do we touch the things we touch?
Ice cream cone, handlebars,
table edge...
Why do we see what we see?
What if I don't want
to see or hear or smell or touch?
What if I just want to be me—
and me.

Poetry Open Mics

**The Institute of Public Scholarship
Third Friday Open Mic, August 15
@7:30pm**

313 N. Burdick St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007



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Doormouse Theatre

**Last Wednesday Open Mic, August 27 @7:30pm
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Saturday, August 23, 2025

4-6pm

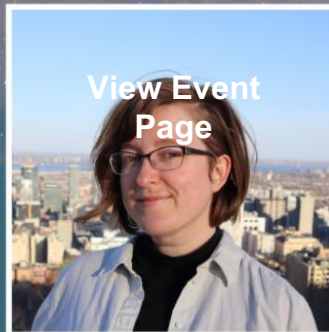
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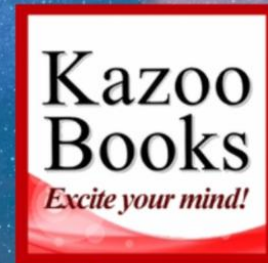
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