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Have You Seen Her?
Poetic Black Fusion
By Poet Blackman Preach
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Have You Seen Her?

Multi-tasking in between jobs
& preparing meals
she nurtures her young
to be confident in a daily stride
against the odds
& smiles as her three daughters
Gwen, Cassandra & Jennifer
who's jumping rope outside
with a book in hand

& giggling with the other girls
they all swear an oath to sisterhood
Have You Seen Her?
getting all educated with
dreams of becoming surgeons
dreams of handling civil law cases
dreams of being an activist
dreams of dancing in recitals
dreams of writing poetry
dreams of putting lesson plans together
the businesswoman making a fortune
owning several coliseums
Have you Seen Her?
dressed in fancy wares
on the yard that we call the world
her pointer is on access to success
imagine her: *she's woman of color*
telling the world to get out the way of the
African Latina Asian Native American
from grade school to college grad
stepping with a head risen & a 4.0
Have You Seen Her?
The only intelligent woman to meet
Louise, Ruby, Priscilla & get their approval
pay attention
these same women taught me all that I know
watched me struggle to take my firsts steps

next to God
these women
whom I credit

will never let me fail.

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