

Alfred Diggs, a Chicago poet born in 1939 in Waynesboro, Mississippi, has had his poems featured in MUHAMMAD SPEAKS. He is working on a collection of short stories and a book of poems for black children.

THE BIG BLACK BEAR

Rap raps to the Bear, "Get your gun, the hunter's got his".

Stokeley shows the Bear realistic examples of genocide being used on him (the Bear) by the hunter.

Malcolm X talked to the Bear in the plainest words that a bear could Understand;

After all of this the Bear only moved another foot to accept another Peanut from the white Zoo Keeper.

Gregory Lynch describes himself as "a 19 year old Black gust of wind building up a tornado at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee — a Black spirit-torturing institution. My aim as a black writer is to catalyze and stimulate black people to a state of awareness whereby we can move as a unit toward the development of a Black nation."

THE FOOL

I couldn't hear you
Malcolm.
Now here I
sit
in this
luke
warm
coffee
overflowing with
car
na
tion.

THE POVERTY PROGRAM

Black skin
Afro
Militant attitude.
Facade.
White skin
Sincere interest
Deep feelings.
Facade.
Self-help
Motivating
Stimulating program.
Facade.
I smile at them
They smile at me
We smile at each other.
Facade.
It sickens me
I puke.
I leave.
The End