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by Raynise Cange

Identities:

Positioned by the past

My father left my mother for a sea of vanilla

I find myself swimming a few yards behind

There is a contrast when we lay next to each other

But I have grown use it

I normalize so we can entangle our bodies

But can this love disenfranchise

Positioned within the past

I often question can I do better

Or has history trained me

Trained me to believe that there is nothing better than her pale skin

Is dark skin not worthy of my love;

But what happens when I look into a mirror

I am fragmented identities;

Different genealogies spread from my arms

I try to reconcile

To love myself

To love the woman who looks like me

But is loving her revolutionary

Or was there a revolution that made this love possible