

WHERE I'M FROM

I'm from a place where most of us are
related
in some way.

I'm from a place where young black men
get shot for trying to live a better life.
Shot,
because they're seen as a threat.
Shot,
when they want out of
a dangerous lifestyle.

I'm from a place where young black girls
get jumped or beaten
over their boyfriends/babyfathers.
Guys that don't love them for
who
they
are.

I'm from a place where doing
the right thing
can get you beaten up or worse.
People will retaliate if you snitch.

I'm from a place where there are
good caring people
who are always there for you.
Who tell you things you need to hear
rather than
what you want to hear.

I'm from a place where you aren't afraid
to go out in public
with your durag/bonnet on
because we all are

family
in some way.

I'm from a place where older ladies
have big hearts
and even bigger church hats.
Bright and colorful hats with
flower bouquets on them.
Older ladies who'll treat you like their own.

I'm from a place where if you're doing
the wrong thing,
your mama will find out sooner or
later from one of her friends, because we're all
connected
in some way.

