

## Introduction

The stories in this anthology were written by 3rd graders in Ms. Vinson's class during the 2021-2022 school year. These poems were inspired by Derrick Barnes' book *I Am Every Good Thing*.

Teaching artist, Cynthia Larsen, from Lake Erie Ink: a writing space for youth, spent one day a week at Mary McLeod Bethune, thanks to a Teach Arts Ohio Grant from the Ohio Arts Council.

We wish our 3rd graders a fabulous and safe summer and hope they continue to use their voices to express themselves, to stand up for themselves and others, and to help change the world and make it a better place for everyone!



## Poems by Ms. Vinson's Third Graders

### Sylvanna

I am every good thing!  
I am a skateboarder and a footballer.  
I am a little sister and a friend to Konnis.  
I am every good thing.

I like to play the game and dance.  
I love my mom, dad, and sister.  
I am every good thing!

I am a wolf who runs fast.  
I am past that tastes good and cheesy.  
I am an Aaaaoooooh!  
I am a wolf.  
I am Christmas morning. I am spiderman.  
I am every good thing.

I am not what other people call me. I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and candy. I am worthy to be loved.  
I am every good thing!

### Sharyia

I am every good thing.  
I am a girl, I am an auntie. I like cats and puppies.  
I am a gymnast. I like to eat Mcdonald's. It's delicious.  
I am a third-grade student. I get A's and B's but one C  
and I like to eat ice cream too and donuts.  
I am every good thing!

I like to play hide and go seek and I like to do TikToks.  
I love my mom, my dad, and sisters, and brothers!

I am a cat who scratches and plays.  
I am a McDonald's hot chicken sandwich that tastes good and spicy.  
I am soft music. I am a calm sound. I am a summer day.  
I am a hoverboard.  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me. I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and kindness. I am worthy to be loved.  
I am every good thing!

## **Ja'Laiyah**

I am every good thing!  
I am a girl and a daughter  
I am a compassionate person  
and a fun kid  
I am every good thing!

I like to play on my iPad and my phone  
I love pizza and friends and popits  
and to help people  
I am every good thing!

I am a dog and a cat  
I am pizza with cheese and pepperoni  
I am a tree with yellow leaves and January  
I am my PS5

I am not what others call me.  
I am worthy of respect and kindness  
I am worthy to be loved.  
I am every good thing!

## **Mariah**

I am every good thing!  
I am a little sis and a cousin  
I am a funny girl and a good kid  
I am every good thing!

I like to play  
and I love my mom and dad

I am a cat who sleeps  
I am pizza, delicious and tasty  
I play with Demarr  
I am Christmas Day and TikTok

I am not what others call me  
I am what I say I am  
I am worthy of respect and love  
I am every good thing!

## Shannon

I am every good thing!  
I am a third grader and a girl  
and a reader and a writer  
I am an auntie and  
I love my mom and dad and my sisters and brothers

I am good and kind  
I like to play with my toys and my sisters too  
I have the best mom and dad ever  
I love my dog and cats  
My dog likes to bark too and my cat loves Sharyia

I am a blue flower  
I am a Friday  
I am a babydoll

I am not what other people call me  
I am what I say I am  
I am worthy of respect and kindness  
I am worthy to be loved  
I am every good thing!

## Adam

I am a god, epic  
and a gamer  
I am a son  
I am every good thing!

I like to dance and work out  
I love my mom and family  
I am every good thing!

I am a lion who roars  
I am a pancake that's good and soft  
I am a jaguar  
I am a tree blowing in the wind  
I am a winter day  
I am a motorcycle  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me  
I am what I say I am  
I am worthy of respect and love  
I am every good thing!

## **Charles**

I am every good thing!  
I am a comedian and a force of energy  
I am a leader and a follower  
I am every good thing

I like to watch creators and to love  
I love me and mom  
I am every good thing!

I am a bear who growls  
I am a banana that tastes like banana and cake  
I am the sounds of Tayk  
I am a monkey who jumps around  
I am Christmas  
I am Legos  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and love.  
I am every good thing!

## **Jairell**

I am every good thing!  
I am a boy and a brother  
I am a fun person and a kid  
I am every good thing!

I like to play Fortnite on the PC  
and play with my brother  
I love to go in the pool in my backyard  
and play basketball

I am a tiger who is wild!  
I am a pizza and fruit snacks  
I am the sound of nba youngboy  
I am a game of tag  
I am Christmas and Beyblades  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and LOVE.  
I am every good thing!

## **Konnis**

I am every good thing!  
I am a third grader and I am a cousin  
and a superhero. I was a great warrior.  
I am the best and I am Spiderman  
I am a friend of Silvana and I'm for real.  
I like to do tricks and I love to save people  
I love my friends and teachers.  
I am every good thing!

I am a lion who sprints  
I am chicken that tastes like candy and meat  
I am the Nae Nae  
I am a bike rider and a summer day  
I am a DC character.  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and Spiderman.  
I am worthy to be loved.  
I am every good thing!

## **Liliann**

I am every good thing!  
I am a cat owner and a nice friend  
I am a third grader and a good reader  
I am every good thing!

I like to play video games and read books  
I like to play with Popits all the time  
I love to play with my cat Penny after school every day  
I like to play board games sometimes

I am a pet cat who purrs  
I am a Sundae with Coolwhip and a cherry on top, so good and sweet and yummy  
I am a Bendy song  
I am walking until I can't no more  
I am my birthday  
I am a Bendy character  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and Love  
I am every good thing!

## **Raymon**

I am every good thing!  
I am a boy and a gamer  
I am a son and a big brother  
I am every good thing!

I like to play on my Xbox and play games  
I love to follow my dreams  
and be a leader.  
I am every good thing!

I am a bird who soars  
I am chicken that tastes delicious and hot  
I am "SAD!" by XXX  
I am a nice walk outside  
I am Christmas day and an Xbox  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and LOVE  
I am every good thing!

## **Zecharion**

I am every good thing!  
I am a basketball player and a football player  
I am a rapper and a singer  
I am every good thing!

I like to ride my hoverboard and play Playstation.  
I love my family and my dog  
I am every good thing!

I am a dog who plays around  
I am steak that tastes as good as candy.  
I am a rap song and a raindrop  
I am my birthday and my big Nerf gun  
I am every good thing.

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and courtesy  
I am worthy to be loved  
I am every good thing!

## **D'emarr**

I am every good thing!  
I am a boxer and a football player  
I am a gamer and an artist  
I am every good thing!

I like to play PS4 and play with my brother  
I love my mom and my sisters  
I am every good thing!

I am a snake who slithers around  
I am a steak, good and juicy,  
I am a drum  
I am a wave in the water  
I am my birthday and a blue race car  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and being treated nicely  
I am worthy to be loved  
I am every good thing!

## **Brayla**

I am every good thing!  
I am a gymnast and an artist  
I am a big sister and a lil cousin  
I like to play outside and play with my lil sisters  
I love my family and dog and my mom and dad  
I am every good thing!

I am a dog who is energetic  
I am salmon, juicy and very good  
I am calm music  
I am the ocean  
I am my birthday and a toy car  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and kindness.  
I am worthy to be loved  
I am every good thing!



## **Sachae**

I am every good thing!  
I am a human and a big sister  
I am an animal lover and a little sister  
I am every good thing!

I like to play basketball  
and play with my sisters and brothers  
I love my family and school  
I am every good thing!

I am a dog who likes to dance  
I am McDonald's, delicious and tasty,  
I am TikTok music and Ofc!  
I am a tree and January 12th  
I am a TikTok Dance  
I am every good thing!

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect  
and I have the right to be respected by everyone.  
I am worthy to be loved  
I am every good thing!

## **Anonymous (maybe Shawn or Isaiah?)**

I am a brother and a son  
I am a gamer and a football player  
I am every good thing!

I like to ride my bike and play outside  
I love my family and my grandma  
I am every good thing!

I am a dog who eats meat  
I am a chicken leg that tastes good and tasty  
I am a video game and a fall day  
I a summer vacation and a blue race car

I am not what other people call me.  
I am what I say I am.  
I am worthy of respect and kindness.  
I am worthy to be loved  
I am every good thing!