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I am the acceptable

The girl with light skin

The ridiculous laugh

Who cares what everyone thinks of her

Who people pleases like her life depends on it

Too big to be a threat or potential

She is the friendly one

I never had to confront my blackness because I was, I am the acceptable version

The one you could digest easily without thinking about it

I never had to really look myself and know what it meant to be black

Racism was subtle

I never noticed it

But I still wanted the straight hair

I wanted the small frame

I wanted the guys attention

I wanted to be loved the way everyone else was

But I was too too much

Too big

Too loud

Too weird

But I was never too black

I look at my little sister as the world continues its fight against racism and I know hers will be greater than mine ever will be

I know that the boys will laugh and call her names

Why

Because she is a girl

Because she has curves

But mostly because she is black

In a world that still refuses to see her

That refuses to teach young children that every color is beautiful

That every color has worth

That everyone has value

I look at my little sister and I see every piece of myself within her

I look at my little sister and I want her to have a life full of good

I look at my little sister and I know she saved my life

I look at my little sister and I cry

My sister who is only 10 years old

My sister who is already experienced more racism in her short life than I ever did or ever will

My little sister who shines brighter than the sun

My little sister who is lion

My little sister who laughs with all the worlds joy

My little sister is my light

My little sister deserves everything

But this world who saw me as acceptable

As digestible

Will never forget it

Because I will scream and yell and write until there are no more words

Because my little sister deserves more

She deserves to be seen to be loved

To be the light