

The Blurred Dream

America discussed a dream big and bright,

Where anyone could reach to grab its light.

But after Reconstruction, laws pushed achievements out of sight.

Colored families tried their best to build their futures to progress and grow,

But Jim Crow split the schools and streets, and people had no say in the flow.

Clarifying that the word "equal" was just another word that the law would not bestow.

Immigrants came within, grasping onto hope they longed to defend,

Thinking that America would welcome them in the end,

But the acts of exclusion created borders that countless laws refused to bend.

Nonetheless, the people took a stand, refusing to remain unheard,

Fighting in courts and in movements against every unfair word,

Slowly but surely expanding a dream that is still viewed as blurred.

- Sophia Barrios