

## **WRITING**

## **Ode to Sonia Melara**

## **TYPE**

## **Poetry**

Dear brave Sonia Melara You are responsible for accomplishing goals as an executive director You make the world bright like the stars

Dear brave Sonia Melara You co-founded the first shelter in California for survivors of domestic violence, wow! You are sweet like ice cream

Dear brave Sonia Melara You risked your life to come here I hear the clapping of the people that you have helped

Dear brave Sonia Melara You served as National Director of leadership programs at the MALDEF You are a breath of fresh air

Dear brave Sonia Melara You serve on the national advisory commission on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention You are soft as a flower

Dear brave Sonia Melara You ignored ones who did not believe in domestic violence and supported the survivors I hope you know how much we appreciate you