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Identity, Blackness, Expression

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I learn something new about myself everyday. I wake up everyday and get the choice to choose the person I want to be. My choices are always something new and my expressions are just as inconsistent. However, at the core of everything are my values. They are the staple to my identity.

I value my excellence. I choose to be a role model to those around me. I have an unspoken duty to prove myself. I strive to be better than myself.

I value my loved ones. I choose to make them.

I value myself. I choose to love everything that is different about me. Despite the internal and external battles I have to pick myself over anything.