



POWER, PRIDE & RESISTANCE

A Community Poetry Anthology

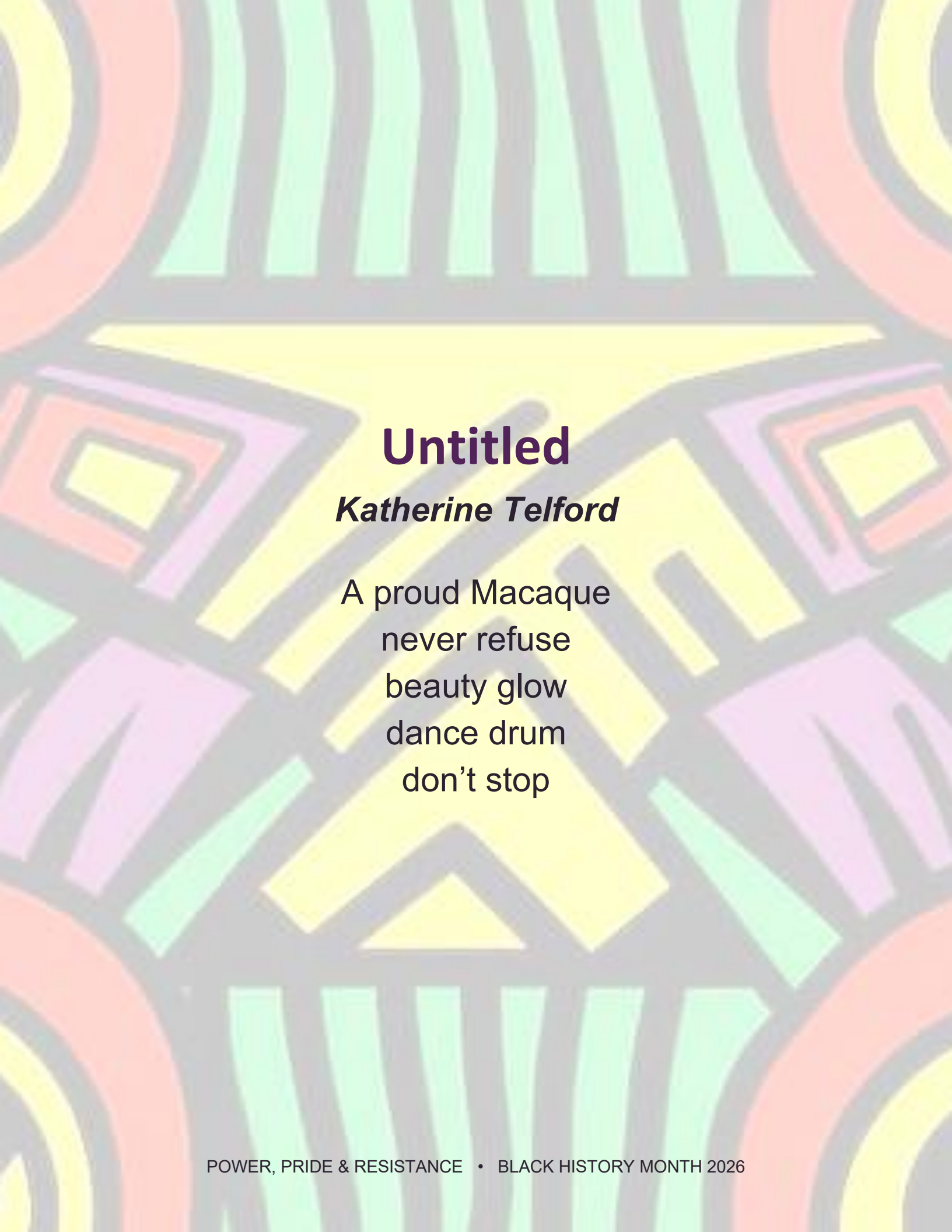
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About this anthology

Power, Pride and Resistance brings together poetry created at a Lincoln Bishop University Black History Month workshop in 2025. These poems explore identity, belonging, voice, solidarity and the ways people understand power and resistance.

Lincoln Bishop University Lecturer Lori Hall and artist Tinashe Chipawe co-facilitated the workshop. Participants explored power, pride and resistance through images, discussion and creative writing. The poems retain their authors' chosen words and forms; some contributors have revised their original workshop drafts for this collection.



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Katherine Telford

A proud Macaque
never refuse
beauty glow
dance drum
don't stop

I'm hiding
Ruth D Brown

I'm hiding
My will is unbreakable
They want me to change courses
No I won't
As a girl I celebrate learning
Not stopping things
So I'm hiding



POWER

Carole Brooke

PROTEST until your voice is heard
OR else their consciences
WON'T be stirred
EARTH your power in truth and know
RIVERS of beauty will surely flow.

Inherited Power

Xanthe Tunley-Stainton

Her mother is a whisper
The earth is soft, planted
There is thunder in her blood
She has a daughter

Her mother is an echo
The earth is soft, rooted
There is lightning in her blood
She has a daughter

Her mother is a voice
The earth is soft, growing
There is a river in her blood
She has a daughter

Her mother is a command
The earth is soft, rising
There is a storm in her blood
She has a daughter

Her mother is truth
The earth is soft, standing
There is a fire in her blood
I am a daughter

Where Do I Belong?

Jan Tunley

Home is not a Place.
It's a Voice a Song a Rhythm,
It's Love and Courage and Hope.
Home is found in
Skin and Hair and Glances.
Home is in the pulse of your
Joy, that is Bold,
Your Courage, that is Bright,
And your Love, that is True.
Home is not a Place
Not a country, not a house.
Home is Family, and only that.

Power, Pride, Resistance

Sheine Peat

Whose TRUTH is this?

It's ours, our common HERITAGE

How can we fight this CORRUPTION

We STAND TALL and use our VOICE

When will we gain JUSTICE

We SHOUT, we RAGE, we REBEL

How can we preserve our HONOUR

We use LOVE, we use HOPE

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Clare Lawrence and co-writer

POWER

Power

Own it

Wait ... you are,
Everlasting, not new
Rooted in your past.

PRIDE

Pride

Rise up, own your
Identity

Drum to your beat. Don't stop.
Echo your past, moving forward.

RESISTANCE

Resistance is like an
Eloquent matriarch
Standing tall, speaking out.
Ignorance is challenged in a
Song for all time.

Think, be

Attentive. Our ancestors are there, so
Never give in
Celebrate them. And so command your own
Energy



About the 2025 workshop

Power, Pride and Resistance was held at Lincoln Bishop University during Black History Month 2025. The anthology brings the workshop poems together for Black History Month 2026.

Read about the original event: www.lincolnbishop.ac.uk/news/power-pride-and-resistance-at-lincoln-bishop-university