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YOUNG MAN

free verse

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A ring of the bell
Back to the class cell
Where I am sufficient
But some are deficient
We here are all the same
But you act like he isn't sane
Is it the skin he's in
For you act like it's sin
To have your skin be black
As if he would attack
Or maybe it's that
You are a lady
And he is a young man

He is always punished
For something more
Is it his dark skin
That he is within
If he were a bit lighter
Would he still be a fighter
For that is what your eyes see
When the young man is not lighter