

# BLK History Month

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If Black History Month is not  
viable then wind does not  
carry the seeds and drop them  
on fertile ground  
rain does not  
dampen the land  
and encourage the seeds  
to root  
sun does not  
warm the earth  
and kiss the seedlings  
and tell them plain:  
You're As Good As Anybody Else  
You've Got A Place Here, Too

Notes:

Note to Poetry Out Loud students: The title of this poem may be recited "BLK History Month" or "Black History Month." Either is acceptable and should not affect your accuracy score.

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