

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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