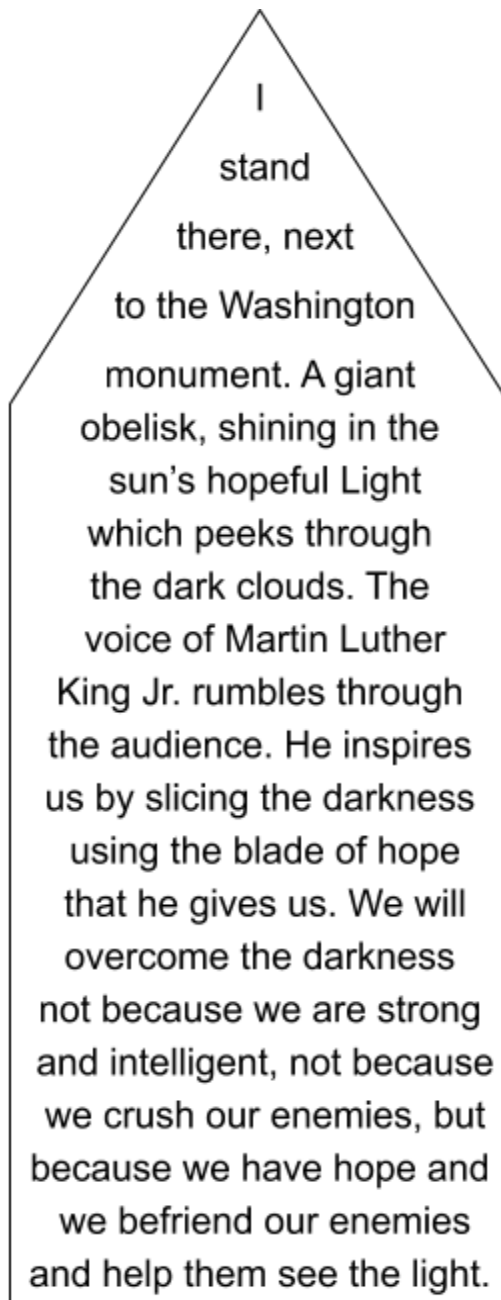


We Shall Overcome

A black outline of a house shape, consisting of a triangle on top and a rectangle on the bottom. The text of the poem is centered within this shape.

I
stand
there, next
to the Washington
monument. A giant
obelisk, shining in the
sun's hopeful Light
which peeks through
the dark clouds. The
voice of Martin Luther
King Jr. rumbles through
the audience. He inspires
us by slicing the darkness
using the blade of hope
that he gives us. We will
overcome the darkness
not because we are strong
and intelligent, not because
we crush our enemies, but
because we have hope and
we befriend our enemies
and help them see the light.

This poem was inspired by the painting *We Shall Overcome* by Lois Mailou Jones.