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## Kristen Graham: “BLK boy joy”

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### BLK boy joy

They carry a smile that shines through darkness  
And wear skin that is targeted by the heartless.  
**Yet they still keep their black boy joy.**

A crown is bestowed upon them the day they are born  
but society tells them it should not be worn.  
**Yet they still keep their black boy joy.**

Mothers hold their sons just as tight as  
cops grip their guns.  
**Yet they still keep their black boy joy.**

Black boys need guidance before they are told  
they have a right to remain silent.  
**They will try to take his black boy joy.**

A black boy bleeds, a black boy demands peace,  
but they continue to treat him like he is from the streets.  
**They will try to take his black boy joy.**

Little blacks hands and little black feet.  
Hands behind bars wondering when he will be free.  
**They will try to take his black boy joy.**

That black boy will soon become a man  
that will have to take a stand against  
oppression that has lead to his aggression  
with a knee in his neck trying to suppress him.  
**Don't let them take your back boy joy.**

With skin that shines in the day and burns like a fire at night.  
Continue to fight, continue to voice what is right.  
**Just don't let them take your joy, my little black boy.**

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