

# A Dedication to Picasso from his #1 Fan

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Pablo Picasso is an artist

He is known to have had an impact on the modern development of contemporary art with his prolific output of over 20,000 paintings, prints, drawings, and sculptures.

With his pioneered Cubism, invented collage, and contribution to Surrealism and Modern Sculpture

He is considered one of the greatest and most influential artists of the 20th century

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I, too, am similar to Picasso

In the beginning, my gift was rough like wool

But now?

Picasso ain't got sugar honey ice tea on me

You see, Picasso paints pictures

Me?

I paint those symphony styled stanzas

My pen shapes punctuation to look like prodigious compositions

Combined in complex consonant creations

Creating magic,

I'm a magician with how I move with precision

Pencils, I paint like a portrait

Poetry, then I distort it

Mold it, I metaphor it

They say Picasso uses expressionism to convey emotions through craftsmanship

My craftsmanship holds my city like a Jesus piece

My expressionism is inherited from my mama's tongue

I got her California cut grammar,

But now it's seasoned in my salt pepper minds

It's Laramie laced linguistics, no opioid

This voice

Once hushed into soundlessness like church-goers on Sunday

Is now the pastor

This voice  
Once a locked vault  
Is now unlatched and pieced in point blank periods

My artistry is  
Razor-blade tucked under tongue techniques  
My technique is greater than engraving and printmaking  
This pen produces glory on loose-leaf sheets  
Makes graphite engrave permanent parables on papers  
My art  
Articulates abstract allegories  
Stories beyond Pablo Picasso's abstracts on a board  
It's slang sculpted sculptures  
A carved cyclopedia craft

My insecurities that cocooned myself have matrix-ed me into butterfly  
And I  
Have quilled my way through every barrier  
Built models around every undoing  
And easel-ed it for the world to see  
And now I stand here,  
Embodying it