

Martin Luther King Jr.

He was born January 15, 1929, as Michael King,
But his dad's trip to Germany changed things.

This visit changed his dad's demeanor,
He changed their names to Martin Luther King Jr. & Sr.
Greatness was his destiny, so it would seem,
He graduated from Booker T, at fifteen!

Like his father and grandfather, he attended Morehouse College,
A distinguished Black institution that expanded his knowledge.

King got a B.A. from Morehouse in nineteen forty eight,
Crozer Theological seminary could hardly wait.

King's three years at Crozer seemed to past fast,
He was selected president of a predominantly White class.

In 1951 from Crozer, he received a Bachelor of Divinity,
And earned a scholarship to attend Boston University.

King received his PHD from Boston in nineteen fifty five,
Met and married Coretta Scott, who was pretty and wise.

Dr. King was a man of concern and sincere care,
Said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

King led the Montgomery bus boycott, a 382 day sequel,
In December 1956, the Supreme Court ruled Races ride as equal.

In 1963 he led a march on Washington with many others,
He said, "I have a dream that one day men will live as brothers."

He fought for civil rights, without fail,

Even writing a letter from a Birmingham jail.

King's non violent philosophy changed many lives,
In 1964, he was the youngest to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

He opposed the war, but don't be too quick to slam,
Before you listen to his message, "Beyond Vietnam."

He went to Memphis to improve the sanitation worker's lot,
On April 3, 1968, he delivered, "I've been to the Mountain top."

It was in Memphis where Dr. King would make his last stand,
"I may not get there with you, but we will make it to Promised Land"