

**Black People of America poem**

I have a story to tell you, but it may be quite sad,  
America in the 1900's was simply quite mad!  
There was inequality in all states, it really was appalling.  
But the black population surprisingly was not falling.  
They were fighting for equality, it was always their aim  
But white Americans only saw it as a game.  
It started off with slavery when the blacks were all kidnapped  
They worked on plantations, it was like a time lapse.  
Each day was the same, working for no wage at all  
Hours in sweltering heat, following the rule.  
A white man called Abraham Lincoln changed their lives around  
Slavery was banned in America and the blacks' voices were found.  
But all was not well, this is not how the tale ends  
Inequality was still going on we heard though gossip from our friends.  
Schools were segregated, until a complaint was made  
By a man called Oliver Brown who wanted to make a change.  
He had two daughters Linda and Terry Lynn  
He wanted them at a white school but they were denied access in.  
Eventually Brown won and southern schools were integrated  
But there is still more to the tale because the blacks were often still hated.  
Martin Luther King, is this a familiar name?  
Well this next tale is about him and how he rose to fame.  
He was 26 at the time, still quite young I know  
But his speeches were something else they made people shiver from head to toe.  
The Montgomery Bus Boycott was next, organised by King  
He was determined to beat the whites, he would not let them win.  
The buses were all segregated, blacks at the back, whites at the front  
But not for much longer as the blacks began to hunt.  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 1955, a black woman, Rosa Parks was extremely brave  
She could not let the blacks down they had a reputation to save.  
A white man approached her and asked for her seat

**But Rosa Parks was stronger than that and would not accept defeat.**

**She simply said 'No,' and this changed her life around**

**For this was a crime at the time and by the police she was found.**

**She was sent straight to prison and her fingerprint was taken**

**She thought she could get away with this but sadly she was mistaken.**

**Now this boycott was meant to last a day but ended up being much more**

**It lasted for 381 days, until the Supreme Court said 'No More'!**

**On 20<sup>th</sup> December 1956 it was ruled**

**That buses were to be integrated and all the whites were fooled.**

**Now the blacks were looked upon as glorious**

**For they had in come out victorious!**

**On 28<sup>th</sup> August 1963, the day had finally come for King's amazing speech**

**One of the five best in history his level has been hard to reach**

**'I have a dream' was delivered on a normal August day**

**Outside the Lincoln Memorial in the famous USA.**

**And 45 years later in 2008, a black man called Barack Obama came to the stage**

**And told the black people of America**

**"This is our chance to answer that call. This is our moment."**

**This just about concludes my rhyme, showing**

**that a lot can happen in a short space of time**

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