

Art Is Power (by Randell Adjei)

In its essential core it is the beat of our community.
It is the blood line that keeps us going,
it is the ink in our veins
the medicine to our pain
it is the paint brush stroke from the creator
that paints our perfect canvas.

Art, has a way of drawing the best out of us.
It is the graffiti on a red brick wall
from a 16 year old who just wants to spray away his pain.

It is the movement from the soles of our feet
that reminds our souls
that there are no limits
that there are no unreachable feats in life

Art, is taking the first step without seeing the mountain ahead
It is the life that is rooted into me
every time I Edgar Allan Poe a tree
& branch out
what our ancestors leave.
It is the reason we breathe
it is the clicking tongue of photography

after all, they say a picture is worth a thousand words.
But in some communities,
some teens have no aim,
& trigger words are quick to inflict pain
they say,
“Art allows us to create”
& to think,

to reflect on what happens in our community
what happens in our lives
& what happens around us.



Art,
is constantly connecting cultural communities
to see the future.
It is a known fact,
The better we can express ourselves,

the better our cells can regenerate
improving our quality of life.
Art is the “write” way to live
Art is a privilege
to those with disabilities who can’t walk freely
so they begin to weave the seams of their dreams.

I believe,
that, “Art is a second language to our youth”
“It speaks from the mind & soul”
It is the fruits of our truth
So let us grow.
Art is a way of connecting to our higher selves
expressing what conversation sometimes fails to do
It is a way of finding ourselves
because without it,
we are lost,
like that troubled 13 year old boy I once was
because In my neighbourhood we didn't have any access to resources
Community centres were trying to make programs for us
but not with us,
they neglected our in-trust.

Art,
is bridging the gap between opportunity & community
for youth to walk into an orchestrated future.
Art,
is a sense of self knowing
IT IS POWERFUL
It is the lead from a pencil that keeps a leader leading

Art has kept me from
being marginalized between the lines.
Writing has allowed me to do the right thing
making me aware of the issues in the community

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in its essential core is the beat of our community.
It is the blood line that keeps us going,



the ink in our veins
the medicine to our pain
it is the paint brush stroke of genius that paints our perfect canvas.
Art is life
It is God molding us into the perfect clay
Art is today
it is tomorrow
It is eternal
Art is NOW
Art is Activism
so call us activists
it is the moving of mountains
it is the pyramids of Egypt
the liberty of building statues

it is the architecture of our minds
Art is the neurons in our brain that help us maintain
It is the way the sun kisses the foreheads of trees
It is the gentle ripples in the oceans
Art is the flow of life
An artists' imagination flies in the skies
& you simply cannot cage it up.

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the ink in our veins
the medicine to our pain
it is the pain brush stroke from God that paints our physical canvas.
Art is life
Art is me

Art is you
so be-u-to-full!

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