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**Bio Poems**

**Yemi**
Is: amazing, beautiful, intelligent, phenomenal  
**Daughter of:** Saqashus Levingston  
**Lover of:** Richard Harding, Carol Larry, and Winnie Ledbetter  
**Who feels:** amazing when accomplishing, successful when failing, and powerful when people doubt  
**Who gives:** love, empathy, and strength  
**Who fears:** success with no failure  
**Would like to see:** my brothers and sisters succeed beside me  
**Who lives:** in a predominately white neighborhood, but still dominates  

**Harding**

**Fernando**
Is: nice, grateful, proud, peaceful  
**Lover of:** a young supportive mother, father, and brother  
**Who feels:** love, proud, joyful  
**Who gives:** joy, peace, entertainment  
**Who fears:** zero, nothing, failing in life  
**Who would like to see:** a bright future, peace, happiness  
**Who lives:** a joyful life

**Antonio**
Is: kind  
**Sibling of:** Claudio  
**Lover of:** my mom, my grandpa, and God  
**Who feels:** important  
**Who gives:** joy and peace  
**Who fears:** dark, heights, bombs  
**Who would like to see:** Mt. Rushmore  
**Who lives:** in a world where God will come and make heaven and earth a happy place

**Uriostegui**
Denaria
Is: talented, passionate, visionary, dreamer
Daughter of: Alicia Rowe and Tosumba Welch
Lover of: my family, singing, poetry
Who feels: important, loved, cared for
Who gives: leadership, encouragement, love
Who fears: that I’m not ready for the world, that there is a voice I’m unable to let out
Who would like to see: change in this world and change in the society
Who lives: who just came from Dubuque, IA and is now in Madison, WI
Rowe

Jaquez
Is: smart, grateful, ready, prepared
Son of: Catina McAlister
Lover of: mom, grandma, brothers/sisters
Who gives: love, care, laughs
Who fears: failing, dying before my mom, heights
Who would like to see: NFL, money, success
Who lives: in Madison
McAlister

My name is Dianna.
I am 15 and still cuddle with my sister before bed.
Technically, my last name is Murray, but since my mom has raised me, I feel like a Levingston.
I have minor fears like spiders, but major fears like not being enough and succeeding enough.
English is not my best subject, but I can solve an algebra problem in a blink of an eye.
Like Beyoncé said, “I leave something to remember, so they won’t forget I was here.”
Before I go back home, everyone will know who Dianna Murray was.
Because I will either run for president in 2035 and become the first female president or I will close the achievement gap by a lot by trying my best to eliminate racial institutional barriers in 2035.
I am Dianna Murray, and Dianna Murray I will always be.
I am Claudio.
I am artistic, creative, kind, and very energetic.
The son of God and Nissa, the eldest boy, brother of three.
Lover of God, wolves, and pizza.
Feeler of joy, sadness, and madness.
One who gives jokes, art, and gifts.
And fears the horrors of the world: bombs, nukes, and the men in planes dropping all these rockets on our heads.
I live in the little American dairy land.

Santana
Is: athletic, smart, fun, cheering
Sibling of: Neisha, Daizhuan, Tyrrel, Ethan, Mimi, Emoni, Armoni
Lover of: football, basketball, family, reading
Who feels: happy when family members come over
Who gives: family, friends, teacher
Who fears: nobody
Who would like to see: Marshaun Lynch, Grand Canyon, wolves
Who lives: 909 North Pine Street
James
**Creation Myths**

I was a little coffee bean. I was picked when I was just right, and I was given my purpose. I was crushed and grinded to be in my mom’s coffee. When she drank me, I was planted inside of her. It was destiny that I was the coffee bean that made it to her. I was planted to help other coffee and toffee beans grow. Depending on how you prefer me, I can be bitter or sweet. *(Dianna Murray)*

Problem: I want to bring love to the world.
Santana: If I bring love to the world, love will come to you and everyone is happy. God was my creator. I was made out of water. With his hand he sculpted me and used water to make me stick together. He gave everything I needed to bring love to the world, and he gave me a big heart, warmth, love, affection, and care. *(Santana James)*

I was made to become successful in life to show a good example to my children. I was made to work hard and to stay strong like a bear, never giving up. Always climbing to the top of the mountains. No matter how hard the obstacles hit you in life. *(Fernando Cachua)*

Sticks and stones hurt, words can never hurt. Whip nae nae. Dance. Sing. I was born happy. *(Aiah’Neanna Thomas)*

I was made from the blue in the sky, the colors of the rainbow, and the mist of the ocean. I was sent to this earth to preach not out loud, but in my writing, to assist, heal, and recover others who are wounded. To help and to save the souls out there. My goal on this earth is to help and encourage, not with my mouth, but with a pencil and paper. *(Jocelyn Moore)*
Nyjua

I like to fight for justice and peace but I laugh too. I want to be a singer and a dancer. I like nail polish and favorite color is aqua, green, pink, red, and purple. I like that I’m pretty, like to draw and color. People say I look like Nikki Minaj.

Evan

I don’t like when people mess up my name. Sometimes, people call me Ivan, but my name is Evan.

Pizza

My mom picks out the right pizza for everybody in the family. For my dad, my mom, my sister and me.

Brysen

I had a great day at school and I ate hotdogs. My favorite subject is P.E. I like math and spelling. I like football it is really fun. I like Christmas with my family.

Roselyn

My name means Roses, I’m from Mexico, I have a lot of Cousins. My favorite color is purple, I have two brothers. My hobbies are playing football, writing, reading, chapter books. My hobbies are drawing, hiking, and I want to be a football player.

Jordan

Jordan is an artist. Jordan likes to draw. Jordan enjoys many colors. Jordan is the tallest in his class. Jordan likes fried chicken.
Anna

*What Anna Likes in the World*

donuts, books, Odyssey, desserts, green, white, brown, colors, hearts, hair, tan skin, puffy hair, tall, awesome, happy, Summer, fall, Spring, winter, Kayrah, Tanajha, and My favorite cousin is Trinity.

Javon

I like soccer tv games Blue pizza track writing stories math science sleeping exploding potions and most of all I like Me!

Kamya

*I love and I like*

I love my dog Zena I like dogs. I love my Mom I like math. I love writing. I like clothes. I love my Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, and my cousins. I like my hair.

Ryland

*Back and Forth*

I go back and forth from Chicago to Madison and back to Chicago again to my mom’s house and dad’s house and back to mom’s house. Sometimes I go in a bus and sometimes in a car.

Lanagsha

Lanagsha goes shopping. every single day. Lanagsha’s Mom takes her. When she is good In school. Lanagsha goes to Odyssey her cousin comes too. Lanagsha’s Mom prays over her when she sleeps. Lanagsha’s Mom bought her shoes and put powder in them.
**Jahnila**

**Who is:** fun, funny, cool  
**Sibling of:** Qu’Anna Caffey  
**Lover of:** Tenishia Bland, Annette, Dorothy (mom, family, grandma)  
**Who fears:** ghosts, mice, rats, spiders, dark dolls  
**Who needs:** family, mom, clothes, friends, books, homework  
**Who feels:** happy, hope, grateful, love, life, family  
**Who would like to see:** famous people, different cities  
**Resident of:** Madison, WI

I love fashion  
I like to shop  
I love shoes  
Love getting my hair done  
I love my family  
my favorite color is blue  
my favorite cousin is Yasmyn  
I have 11 brothers and sisters all together  
Fan of Badgers  
smart kid  
Love lipstick  
I go to Olson  
Love Pink  
Love Cupcakes  
I’m 10 years old  
my birthday is May 7.  
Big fan of Jordans nike basketball  
love MK Gucci Louis Vuitton DB.

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**Alleanah**

**I’m Special Because**

I’m special because  
I love to draw and bake  
I am creative  
My favorite food to bake is chocolate chips.  
I’m special because  
I love math, reading and science  
I get to learn and that is why I am so special.

**Elijah**

I like school  
I love math  
I like football  
I love ice cream  
I like gum  
I like GTA5 and 2K15  
I like to run  
I like to have fun  
I like to play  
I love cool days and hot days  
I like to swim

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**Alan**

I like to go fishing with my dad. and we catch a lot of fish.  
We usally go in the summer on Saturday and Sunday morning.  
I like fishing because when we get home we usually eat them.

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**Jerry**

I am smart not lazy  
creative not bullying.  
I read comics, write, and bike.  
I do not like revenge or hurting anyone.  
I love my family and sports.  
I do not even hurt others when they hurt me.  
Poet Fabu says “I’m a fantastic boy.”
I can be a rainbow in someone’s cloud when I:

. . . make my Daddy happy by smiling. —Kimauriah

. . . make a sandcastle for them. —Julius

. . . smile and make my Mom happy. —Harmony

. . . when I am nice and happy to my Mom and Dad. —RJ

. . . when I try to be nice. I can try to be good when my parents aren’t home and be an ally, be safe. BE the BEST I can be. —Brooklyn

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.” —Maya Angelou

“It would be nice to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.” —Raekwon
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