

Still I Rise  
By  
Maya Angelou

You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.  
Does my sassiness upset you?  
Why are you beset with gloom?  
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
Pumping in my living room.  
Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.  
Did you want to see me broken?  
Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
Shoulders falling down like tear-  
drops,  
Weakened by my soulful cries.  
Does my haughtiness offend you?  
Don't you take it awful hard  
'Cause I laugh like I got gold mines  
Diggin' in my own back yard.  
You may shoot me with your  
words,  
You may cut me with your eyes,  
You may kill me with your hateful-  
ness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise.  
Does my sexiness upset you?  
Does it come as a surprise  
That I dance like I've got diamonds  
At the meeting of my thighs?  
Out of the huts of history's shame  
I rise  
Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
I rise  
I'm a black ocean, leaping and  
wide,  
Welling and swelling I bear in the  
tide.  
Leaving behind nights of terror and  
fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously  
clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts my ancestors  
gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the  
slave.  
I rise  
I rise.



36 Borden Avenue,  
Asbury Park, NJ

House Dedication  
May 7th 2011

New Homeowner:  
Rhonda Bingham

# Program

## **Opening Prayer:**

Rev. James Jackson JR.

## **Welcome:**

Mr. Charles Mannino  
President, Board of Directors

## **Remarks:**

Maureen Mulligan  
Executive Director, CHFH

## **Intro of Family:**

Andrea Garrote  
Chair, Family Support  
Committee

## **Presentation of Bible & Blessing of House:**

Rev. James Jackson JR.

## **Closing Remarks:**

Rhonda Bingham

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