

# **The African American Museum of History and Culture**

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Looming, somber.  
Behind the Washington monument.  
Stretching, expansive.  
Dark.

A new museum that popped up  
African American history and culture.  
A somber experience--  
Looming over town.

A cabin  
To show the squalor.  
And slavery,  
That Lincoln must amend.

Shots that ended the war  
But led to more problems.  
Travel through the exhibit  
Reconstruction.

Black power.  
Civil rights.  
Movements  
Taken toward the light.

Equality  
Achieved for all.  
Still further  
We must reach

A mile walk  
Through the museum  
To learn,  
Experience,  
Feel.

Looming, somber.  
Stretching, expansive.  
Dark.  
We learn.

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