

## Featured poems inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech

Injustice isn't fair  
He wanted to be equal  
And now we all are  
-Gavin

The speech that went down in history  
I have a dream  
A hundred years after the Proclamation  
The hope was only a memory  
But today we come as a team  
And make this country a better nation  
So let us sing  
And have it mean  
I have a dream  
-Abbye F.

Abraham Lincoln  
In whose symbolic shadow  
We stand in today  
-Grant B.

Five score years ago  
Abraham Lincoln signed for  
Emancipation  
-Anonymous

MLK's dream has gone a long way.  
Black and white people are a lot closer today.  
Many things have changed since the assassination by James Earl Ray.  
Martin Luther King is still with us way up in the sky,  
His marches and protests are why...  
MLK's dream has gone a long way.  
Black and white people are a lot closer today.  
-David Hahn

On August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., hundred of people gathered to listen to Martin Luther King give his speech called "I have a dream." "I'm happy to join with you today," he said as people listened with admiration. "Today will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation." As he continued, not a dry eye in the crowd, Martin Luther King stood up there speaking loud and proud. "And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American Dream," he said. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that his four little children would one day not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character, he said as tears were starting shed. "I have a dream," he said. "I have a dream today."

-Sarah L.

### **Acrostic poems about Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement:**

**M**arch  
**A**wesome  
**R**ighteous  
**T**alks a lot  
**I** have a dream  
**N**egro

**L**orraine  
**U**ltimate  
**T**ook charge  
**H**elped  
**E**quality  
**R**osa Parks

**K**ewl  
**I**ndependence  
**N**ation  
**G**od

**J**oyous  
**R**acism  
-Anonymous

**F**orever  
**R**ighteous  
**E**ffective  
**E**manicipation Proclamation  
**D**ream  
**O**ur  
**M**ississippi  
-Anonymous