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### Hispanic Heritage Project

You've done so much.  
You've come so far.  
Latinos be proud of who you are.  
Be proud of your brown skin and frizzy curls  
Because they have value in this world.  
To be white and Spanish is all right too.  
Let's celebrate the shade range, it's beautiful.  
There's so many important figures.  
Let's take a moment to remember.

We learned about many Latinos who fought for civil rights.  
They fought so hard with all their might.  
America made it hard for them to succeed.  
Between racism in Dalton and being labeled a threat, they couldn't breathe.

America tried to erase them.  
They tried to take away their Spanish but Latinos shined like a gem.  
They created their own carpet mills,  
They created their own furniture stores,  
They created multiple small businesses,  
They created generational wealth in their communities.  
They didn't do this alone, they had a little help from other good people like you and me.  
Like Ronald Regan who granted amnesty,  
And set the immigrants free.

They accomplished even more things  
Like Sonia Sotomayor being  
The first Latina in the Supreme Court  
And Miguel Cabrera winning all the time in a major sport.

Now let's move onto the future.  
Let's talk about Detroit.  
First up is Elton Monroy Duran.  
He has a clear plan.  
He preserves his culture through his art.  
And in a way that isn't tasteless or tart.  
Mexican town is where this takes place.

It feels like home, like their sacred space.

This is a huge group. Latinos are one of the largest,  
And they are one of the fastest  
Growing groups in this country.  
If you're ever hungry  
come down and try some of the food.  
The culture is amazing and inclusive, not at all rude.

Everything hasn't been easy. Recently Trump has been causing them problems.  
He's a hater.  
And doesn't cater  
To them.  
And of course he isn't solemn.  
Despite this they still grow  
Because they have a lot to show.  
And the other reason is that they know  
They are unique and beautiful.