

## Chasing A Dream By: Alexis Bouie

### Haiku

I'm like a book

every page you turn you learn

so flip a page and be inspired

### Spoken Word

Born and raised in Gainesville Florida  
right around the corner from the drug dealers and wanna be players  
I am 13 year old girl chasing a dream  
trying to prove to the world that I can really sing  
I sing in school and the teachers get mad  
I sing in the talent shows and the doubters just laugh  
All I say is I'm going make it  
None of you doubters are going to take my concentration  
Doubters are just my motivation  
I'm hitting high notes like there is no joke  
Laugh now doubters  
But all they do is choke  
I'm a 13 year old girl chasing a dream  
Trying to prove to the world that I can really sing  
When I was 7 years old my mom died  
Felt that it was my fault that she was not alive  
My dads in prison, had to tell him about his wife who died  
Age 52 why not age 55  
5 years later my dad dies in a prison hospital  
We thought he was alive  
Found out his cancer spread  
Now were sitting in a funeral home realizing that he's dead  
I'm a 13 year old girl chasing a dream  
Trying to prove to the world that I can really sing.

## Standard Essay

I am without a father and a mother, but I receive guidance, oversight, and instruction from God.

My community has varied over time. I have been homeless, and living with various relatives for the past couple of years.

My highest level of education so far is the 7th grade academically, but life has taught me many lessons on how to survive.

Key people in my life have been my mentor Miss Sharhonda, and various teachers at Lincoln Middle School. They have believed in me and have inspired me.

One of my favorite books is the bible. The bible inspires you through stories of people who experienced traumatic events and still overcame.

The challenges in my life have been living without parents and controlling my anger. The victories have been me being able to still have hope despite what I have been through, and being able to inspire other relatives that have lost their parents as well.

My academic plans are to major in theater at the University of Florida. After I complete this degree I want to create a musical cd for children who are sick in the hospital, and travel to different hospitals singing songs for ill patients.

Key figures in the music industry have been Kirk Franklin and Ivan Kelley. Music has helped me to calm down and reflect in a optimistic way.

I want to go to college because education can empower me.