

Repairing My Identity
After Thomas Sayers Ellis

BOY

I am born
I am labeled
I am taught
How to act.

MAN

I try to conform.
I stumble and fall.
I over compensate
And hurt myself.

QUEER

I'm curious
And seek answers.
I overcome fear
And become queer.

TRANS

Trans-gender
A gender transition
I transform
And change position

WOMAN

I am renewed
I feel better
I am femme
Fierce and fabulous

QUEEN

I am loyal
To my true self
I am royal
Noble & proud!

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Ode to Jimmy Santiago Baca

A prisoner poet
who didn't even know it.
A voice for the voiceless
who wanted to show it.
One day in his cell, Jimmy
In the face of death
chose his path in life
and was blessed.
He drew a line in the sand.
and took a stand.
He wrote and typed
his way to freedom.
An immigrant in his own land.
where he found...
a place to stand.

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