“I Am the Greatest!”

Muhammad Ali once said “I am the greatest! I said that before I knew I was.” We all have greatness inside ourselves. Read Muhammad’s poem aloud and then write your own poem that describes how you are “The Greatest!” Perhaps, you’re the greatest at a sport or perhaps you’re the greatest at a school subject. Perhaps you’re the greatest at music or dance. Maybe you’re the greatest at being compassionate or helping others? Write and share your poem with people in your home or through your social media channels.

I Am the Greatest!

This is the legend of Cassius Clay
the most beautiful fighter in the world today.
He talks a great deal and brags indeedy
of a muscular punch that’s incredibly speedy.
The fistic world was dull and weary;
with a champ like Liston
things had to be dreary.

Then someone with color,
someone with dash,
brought the fight fans
a running with cash

The brash young boxer is something to see
and the heavyweight championship is his destiny...

Cassius Clay, 1963
I Am the Greatest!
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