

## **In My Hands**

I come from the South of Austin, Texas.  
Living on South First Street,  
having family that cares about me.

Having struggles in my life.  
Having the light turned off  
from time to time.

Guys that are loyal to me.  
I've been in pain  
from time to time.

Got hurt,  
heartbroken.  
People that don't care about me.  
Sometimes I've let people  
take that power.

But now I realize  
I have the power in my hands  
and I want to get my education

And not worry about those people  
that hurt me.  
Move on,  
forward in life.  
Worry about myself,  
not other people.  
Just me and my family.

Having my nephew in my life  
motivates me.  
Having my Mom, Dad, and brother  
always there for me.

Having a lot of things on my mind,  
I lost my child time.

It hurt.  
I feel like it's my fault.  
But it's not.

— V.V.