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Purple Haze & Mean Green · 1957

I was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, while attending Detroit Public Schools we often went on field trips which included the Detroit Institute of Arts. I was fascinated and intrigued by the magnificent artistic talent and collection of art being showcased.

In the 1980<sup>s</sup> artist like Pyree Guyton became an inspiration, especially with his Heidelberg project. Many PCAF participants like Raphael De Jesus and others have tried encouraging me to delve into creating art. So, I decided to learn how to draw in hopes that it would compliment my writing ambition.

Again, thanks to the PCAF community for offering me this wonderful opportunity to express myself through art.

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