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I AM POEM

Instructions: Fill in the blanks in this template to write an "I am" poem of your own.

My identities are not obstacles but my superpowers.

I am more than a woman, a daughter, and a person of color neatly labelled as "Asian".

I am from lychee-eating summers, 5 a.m. ice skating practices, and the merry jingling of traditional dresses at Hmong New Year celebrations.

I celebrate the strength found in the hopes and dreams of my people to have a better life and to belong somewhere.

I fearlessly embrace LOVE — love for myself and love for my community.

My identity is my superpower. Because the truth is, I am what the world looks like.

Note: This poem was inspired by America Ferrera's Ted talk called ["My Identity is a superpower — not an obstacle."](#)

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