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Dear Mr. Smith,

13<sup>th</sup> is a poem featured in Solid Ground: A Book of Poems, written by Alexis Brown. In this poem, she creatively intertwines poetry with societal issues. She speaks vividly on the day an innocent Black man was sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Her poem reminds me of the article in Rolling Stone Magazine I read from you titled, "You Can't Kill your Way to Freedom." In the article, you mentioned the staggering amount of Black people killed by police just three months into the new year. Your opinion on "Trump's America" sends a powerful message on what it's like living in such a place where the color of your skin is offensive.

Using Alexis Brown's poem to piece together art and politics would touch both her audience and yours which will shed more light on the issues we face in America.

Kindest Regards,

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