I wrote this poem because one of the aspects of education that I am most passionate about is minimizing the achievement gap. I believe that increasing student
achievement in the classroom is the best way to decrease inequalities in our nation. The first stanza of this poem is about how important education is to each and every person and how much it impacts us. The second stanza details the life of a young girl who despite things such as structural discrimination and inequalities, she will still strive to be all she dreams of being, through a good education.

Due to my passion on the social and political aspects of education, I have used what I have learned throughout my four years at Cornell, pursuing the Education Minor, in order to pave my future. When I first came to Cornell I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. After my first education course, I knew right away that I wanted to make a difference in America’s youth. The courses I have taken have given me amazing insights and prepared to start my career as a teacher in the summer. I am confident for my future and I completely attribute that to Cornell University’s Minor in Education.