

## **God is a Black Woman**

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### **Reflections from the Author**

This poem explores the meaning of who God is and who God could look like. I believe God could be in any form and looks like everyday people. If Jesus was depicted to be a white man with blue eyes in paintings, even though he was middle eastern, I think it is time we reimagine the whitewashed version of who God is and what God looks like. This poem goes against traditional beliefs that God and the bible look down upon certain identities. Instead, God embodies the different identities that some believe are abnormal or wrong. After all, God is the one who created them in the first place. This poem is a lesson as to not judge thy neighbor as that neighbor and their identity is a reflection of who God is and what God looks like. This poem is not just about acceptance, it is about celebration and the idea that God celebrates the art that has been created in the form of people. Strippers, drag queens, and porn stars are just different ways that bodies are celebrated and appreciated because that is one of the many reasons why God created them.

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*God is a Black woman.*

*God is a stripper*

*God gets down in the club and spends her nights dancing for dollars simply to celebrate the people she created and the space they have carved out for themselves*

*God is a queer woman*

*God is a drag queen in Tennessee*

*God is proud of other Black women in the club who take pride in who they are, where they come from, and the beauty of their bodies*

*God is a Black woman*

*God is an artist*

*God creates other Black women in the image of herself and admires her work in the form of pornography and nude paintings*

*God spends her nights in the Red-Light District of Amsterdam*

*God is a dominatrix for the devil*

*God is a Black woman.*