

## CELEBRATION SLAM POEM

**TEAM: The Roasted Crabs**

*Group set up on stage. **MICHAEL** stands in the audience waiting for his ques. **DARIUS** stands on Downstage left. **JOSE** stands on Downstage right. **DARIUS** enters from Upstage Right and **JOSE** enters from Upstage Left. **MICHAEL** prepares to sing*

***DARIUS** and **JOSE** walk slowly to the microphones. with an inspirational look .*

**MICHAEL:** \*Once I was 7 years old my momma told me go make yourself some friends or you be lonely. Once I was 7 years old

**JOSE:** I had all these great memories

**DARIUS:** Watching kid shows

**MICHAEL:** Playing with Toy cars

**JOSE:** Playing hide and seek

**MICHAEL:** Those good old days seem to come by

**DARIUS:** As we get older things start to change

**JOSE:** Challenges

**DARIUS:** Pressure

**DARIUS,JOSE,MICHAEL:** Maturity

**JOSE:** I keep moving from place to place but I want to stay in one place and that's here

**DARIUS:** Am I supposed to do what everyone tells me to do?

**JOSE:** Why did you have to leave me and go back to your hometown and not come back. Can't you come back so we can be happy again. When you did come back you were not the same.

**MICHAEL:** \*I always had that dream, like my daddy before me  
So I started writing songs, I started writing stories

**JOSE:** Family is the most proud thing you have in you life, but when you lose someone everyone is sad. Like a dog, you love that thing to death, you go out with it you, play fetch with it but when that day comes everyone is sad. And you haved make sure it is safe where it belongs.

**MICHAEL:** Songs, the form of art that can really touch people. I remember when singing used to be a freetime hobby. Now it just seems like a chore. Performances here and there every week.

**DARIUS :** It feels like something he had to do in order deserve a chance

**MICHAEL:** \*Something about that glory just always seem to bore me cuz only those i really love will ever really know me

**DARIUS:** Family, the group of people that you love

**JOSE:** The ones who know you the most

**MICHAEL:** The ones you hold dear and close to you

**DARIUS:** The people you keep in the back of your mind at all times

**MICHAEL:** \*I only see my goals, I don't believe in failure  
'Cause I know the smallest voices, they can make it major

**MICHAEL:** I got my boys with me, at least those in favor  
And if we don't meet before I leave, I hope I'll see you later

**DARIUS:** Later,I can't take later anymore it's building up inside and i have to release this pressure either now or later.

**DARIUS:** Pressure when some persuades you to do something you aren't fond of doing. When i have to help take care of my baby nephew. Or when I have tests with a time limit.

**JOSE:** Why does my whole life change so quickly moving many times so we could be in a safe place?

**DARIUS:** A safe place can't be safe if you have to worry about taxes, bills, and other problems in your "safe place" that could bring you harm.

**MICHAEL:** \*once I was seven years old