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"Radiant" describes my people
the way the sun glowed on
their strong, tone bodies
as they worked diligently
for their white owners.

"Radiant" describes my people
the way intelligence beamed
unstoppable, through the very
opposing times. And led them
to unite and begin overcoming.

"Radiant" describes my people
who find comfort and assurance
in calling a total stranger
sister or brother. And at the same time
storing enough anger to kill.

"Radiant" describes my people
in the way they make me feel.
The sorrow, hate and disappointment,
The pride, love and encouragement,
towards myself, themselves and this world!

-Gwendolyn Jones