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### Personal Narrative

“When did you turn white?”

My doctor said after

My long time indoors in the year of Covid.

“You pulled a Michael Jackson.”

I am mixed race.

Black, White, and Native American.

I am exploring my heritage.

In the world today,

It seems being white is “normal.”

What does it mean to be black?

In the past,  
It meant to be type-cast  
As a sweaty servant  
Slavery's victim.  
Uneducated  
Impoverished.  
Today, the sun is rising.  
There has been a black president  
There are black billionaires  
Black people are noteworthy  
As scientists and contributors to society  
Black music  
Black athleticism  
Black wordcraft  
Black orators and poets  
Black royals and warriors  
Black film-makers  
Black artists, singers, and dancers,  
Black producers  
Black style  
Leads the way in what is cool.  
I hope to learn more about that  
At school.