

**Contributions to the  
First Annual Juvenile Justice Center Open Mic Night  
July 31, 2022**

Pain by Sam

Blood on my Timms, I've been running through rain.  
Go through some things, you can't relate to my pain.  
Tears in my mom's eyes, she just wants to see change.  
World on my back, yea it's all on my shoulders.  
Fight off the pain but it just keeps getting colder.  
Thought it would be easy, I just lost a soldier.  
Gotta slow down and just take it slower.  
Now I'm ready for my future, it's a long ride.  
I'm still young growing up, I hope I still have time!



Making Life's Choices by Diondre

See you can scold or you can converse.  
You can talk or you can curse.  
Be a team or fight to be first  
BUT NOT BOTH.

I can ask or I can demand.  
Clutch my fist or shake your hand.  
We can walk together or take a stand.  
BUT NOT BOTH.

A state of mind.  
The tone of your voice.  
Confrontation, cooperation, that's a personal choice.  
One or the other  
BUT NOT BOTH.

Living life you gotta make choices, but: you have to make the best ones to succeed.

