

The Line

Where is "the line"? What is it?

She gave up everything she knew to cross it.

There was no guarantee of her safety,

No promise of return.

There were only hints of a better life, better treatment, better people.

This 'line' controlled her and the lives of many others,

Whether they wanted it to or not.

Some never crossed it; they could not leave everything they knew on a promise.

Others like her had to.

There was no other choice.

The line affected every aspect of their lives; their spaces, their friends,

Everything they could imagine was affected by it.

The lynching in the South, the riots in the North,

What they didn't know was that even if they did cross the line to the other side,

There would be obstacles.

The line is not definite.

It is not absolute.

There were things that would stay the same,

Regardless of which side they were on.

But the biggest difference.

The reason to run.

Was their Freedom.