

WHO'S TO SAY...?

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Dedication

***To Adrien & Rhyann,
With all my love...***

***Here's hoping that you are as proud
of me as I am of you both.***

***Let this book be proof that our dreams
can come true if only we have the faith
and courage to pursue them.***

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have done this without you!***

**Who's to say...
That I can't sing?**

**Well, I can!
I will sing my song
anyway.**



**Who's to say...
That I can't dance?**

**Because I can!
I will always move to
the beat of my own
music.**



**Who's to say...
That I can't speak?**

**Yes, I can!
I will continue to use
my voice to speak up
and speak out.**

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!



**Who's to say...
That I can't write?**

**Well, I can!
I'm going to be the great
author of my very own
story.**



**Who's to say...
That I can't travel the
world?**

**Oh, but I can!
I will forever embrace
learning about new people
and new cultures.**



**Who's to say...
That I can't be a boss?**

**Sure, I can!
I will continue to lead by
example and serve
others.**



**Who's to say...
That I can't be a
game-changer?**

**Of course, I can!
I will work hard and think
outside the box.**



**Who's to say...
That I am not athletic?**

**Oh, yes, I am!
I will skillfully exercise my
mind and body to prepare for
any competition.**



**Who's to say...
That I'm not a winner?**

**Well, I am!
I will always continue to
rise to the top and reach
my highest goals.**



**Who's to say...
That I'm not smart?**

**In fact, I am!
I will learn all I can while
working towards my
bright future.**




**Who's to say...
That I am not a
friend?**

**Yes, I am!
I will always be kind
and uphold the
Golden Rule.**



Who's to say...
That I'm not beautiful?





**Indeed, I am!
I will forever be
proud of who I
was created to be.**

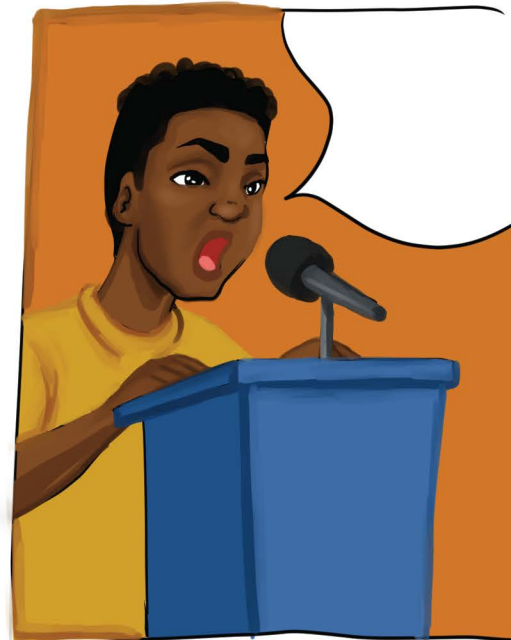
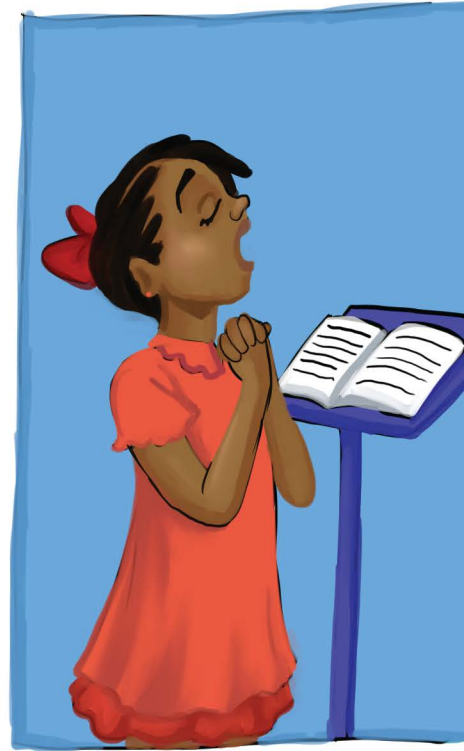
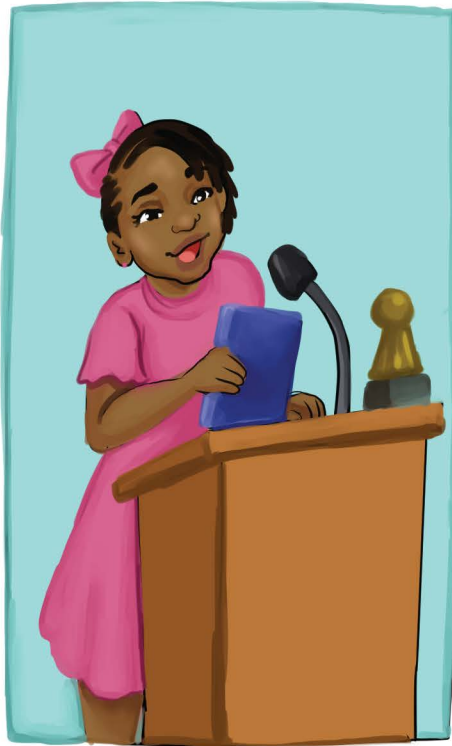
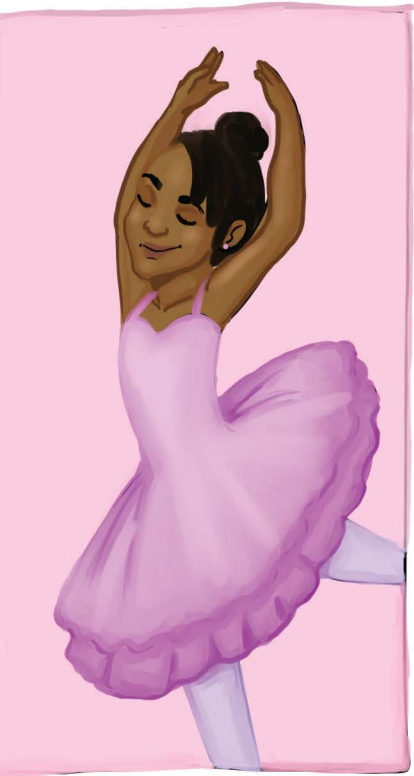
**Now, who *really* is to say...
What I can or cannot be?
Who I can or cannot be?**

**Why not a singing, dancing
motivational speaker,
a prize-winning writer, or a
world-class athlete?
Why not a game-changing
boss who is equally smart
and friendly...Or simply a
beautiful soul with goals
and dreams?**



**Why, NO ONE, of course!!!
Not. A. Single. Person.
At the end of the day,
absolutely no one is to
say...**

**No one...except ME!!!
Only I can say what I can
and cannot do.
Only I can say what I am
or what I am not.**



**I am my BIGGEST fan.
I BELIEVE in ME.**



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