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| **Standing Tall**  by Jamie McKenzie | http://fno.org/poetry/mlk.jpg |
| In honor of Martin Luther King  Some kings rule their kingdoms sitting down Surrounded by luxury, soft cushions and fans But this King stood strong stood proud stood tall  When the driver told Rosa "Move to the back of the bus!" When the waiter told students "We don't serve your kind!" When the Mayor told voters "Your vote don't count!" And when the sheriff told marchers "Get off our streets!" using fire hoses, police dogs and cattle prods to move them along This King stood strong stood proud stood tall Speaking of peace of love and children hand in hand free at last free at last  And when some spit out hate He stood there smiling Spreading love Until it rolled like the sea across the land Sweeping away Jim Crow Breaking down the walls Ringing the bell Joyfully For Freedom  Until Standing on the mountain top They shot him Coldly Hoping to see him fall Hoping to put him away To bring him low  But this King even in death even today stands strong stands proud stands tall And we remember  When some yelled for violence For angry revenge An eye for an eye And a tooth for a tooth He stood his ground Preaching peace |  |