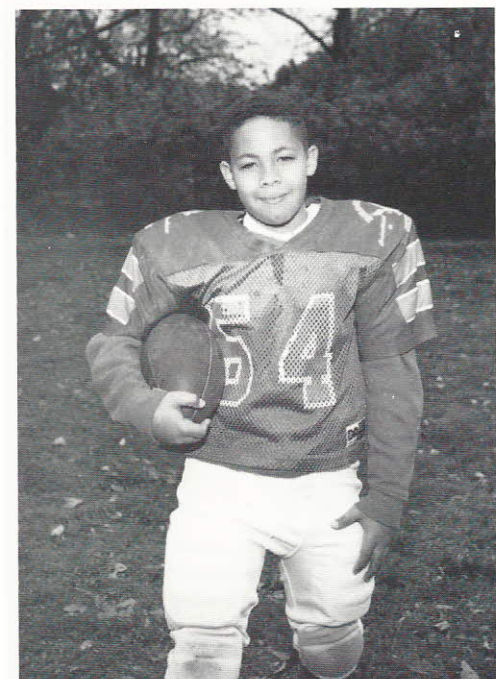




Robert Brandon Johnson



To Robert

On Your Graduation...

Look at yourself as you stand among the winners.
 See yourself as one belonging to an elite group of individuals,
 And know that you have accomplished a great success in your life.
 You've taken a dream, added a splash of determination,
 And created the reality which you hold in your hands today.
 And as you stand among the future of our world,
 In that fleeting moment, take time to reflect on the past;
 On obstacles you've had to overcome,
 On mistakes you may have made
 And friends you've known along the way.
 Dream of tomorrow; envision with awe all that it holds for you,
 and be sure that there are no obstacles you can't overthrow,
 And that mistakes can be rectified,
 And that the friends who have been with you will always be with you
 Because the gift of memory will keep them forever alive in your heart.
 So as you end a chapter in your journal of life
 And embark out into an uncharted sea,
 You will tread the uncertain waters with caution, knowledge, and
 respect.
 For although you can't see to the ocean floor,
 You have the courage to look deep within and make the changes you know
 you can,
 The knowledge not to disturb the good that is already there,
 And the self-respect to be the best that you can be.

-Poem by Pamela Melanie Ogilvie

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