**“Ego Tripping” by Alysa de la Torre (with apologies to Nikki Giovanni)**

***(my reason why)***

I was born in ft. lauderdale, fl.

I walked to peachtree city, ga and created

a golf cart

I designed a library so everyone could have a

a place to read, and drink coffee, and enjoy the art of literature.

I am amazing.

I decided to write a book,

 so I wrote *war and peace*

I decided that it was too short,

 so I wrote all of the great novels of the world

 *pride and prejudice, to kill a mockingbird, the great gatsby.*

My best books were missing something, so I decided to write

 some plays so that people could love literature together.

I wrote *hamlet, romeo and juliet,* and *much ado about nothing.*

I looked at empty land and created the great american cities

 new york city, los angeles, chicago

 with museums and

 art and parks

 and beautiful, striving people everywhere.

I made them in two hours.

I am an owl so wise

 I know answers

 to questions you haven’t even thought of yet.

  For a birthday present when he was ten

I gave my son the colors of the world.

  He gave me a rainbow for mother's day.

My strength comes from the colors around me.

My son picasso painted the sky and is the reason

I am able to change the colors each night

 and every season

I turn the sky into a masterpiece that is always

 beautiful

On a trip north

I caught a cold and blew

My nose giving lotion to the world

I am so hip even my wrongs are right

I sailed north to reach the arctic circle and had to round off

  the earth as I went

  The hair from my head thinned and copper was laid

  across three continents

I am so creative, so amazing, so incredible, so awesome

I cannot ever be anything other than WOW

I mean...I…can soar

 like an eagle in the sky…