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## **Black Barbie**

*~for Michelle Obama*

Luckily, I can recall when  
You were released  
Long silky hair  
Full brown bosom

Momma brought you home, elated  
To possess one  
Mattel's phenom  
Her prize dujour

Inauguration day presents  
A living one  
Draped in white our  
First Lady doll