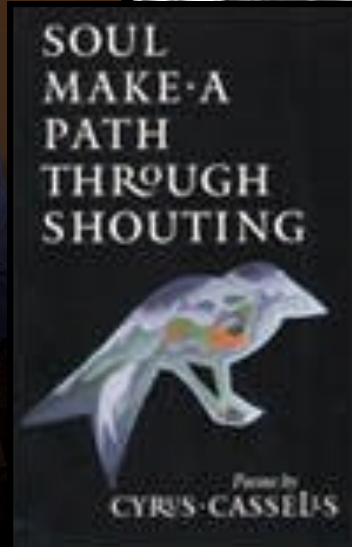
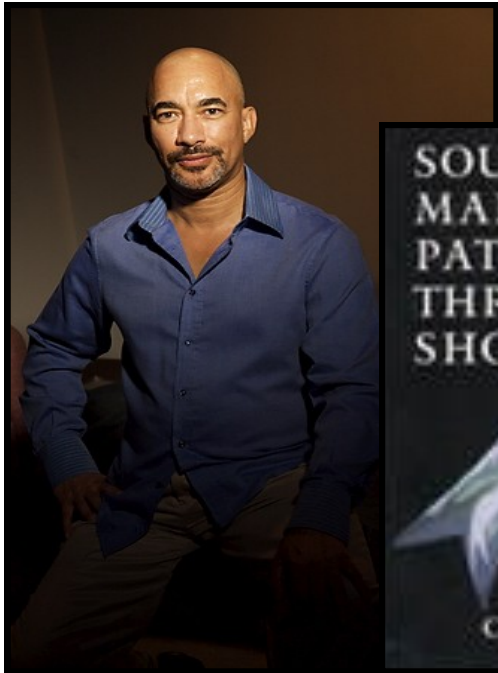


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**Soul Make a Path Through Shouting**

*for Elizabeth Eckford*  
*Little Rock, Arkansas, 1957*  
 by Cyrus Cassells

Thick at the schoolgate are the ones  
 Rage has twisted  
 Into minotaurs, harpies  
 Relentlessly swift;  
 So you must walk past the pincers,  
 The swaying horns,  
 Sister, sister,  
 Straight through the gusts  
 Of fear and fury,  
 Straight through;  
 Where are you going?

I'm just going to school.

Here we go to meet  
 The hydra-headed day,  
 Here we go to meet  
 The maelstrom -

Can my voice be an angel-on-the-spot,  
 An Amen corner?  
 Can my voice take you there,  
 Gallant girl with a notebook,  
 Up, up from the shadows of gallows trees  
 To the other shore:  
 A globe bathed in light,  
 A chalkboard blooming with equations -

I have never seen the likes of you,  
 Pioneer in dark glasses:  
 You won't show the mob your eyes,  
 But I know your gaze,  
 Steady-on-the-North-Star, burning -

With their jerry-rigged faith,  
 Their spear of the American flag,  
 How could they dare to believe  
 You're someone sacred?:  
 Nigger, burr-headed girl,  
 Where are you going?

I'm just going to school.

**Cyrus Cassells**

Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00 pm  
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