

## Derby High

### Let's Talk by Ali

There are many different colours.  
I see on many faces.  
I see that on many people;  
On many different places.  
What kind of colours do you think I see?  
The obvious ones; the most clear?  
The ones you see on the skin?  
The ones that fill you with fear?

I see the colours that shine in your soul.  
The ones that tell me who you are,  
That say what your whole way of thinking is  
And make me sure that you'll go far.

How can we judge a person by their outside colour?  
When they don't even know their own from within,  
Not seeming to find a finish line,  
Because they didn't even begin.

Black, White, Asian, race or any colour  
We're no different nor better than all or each other.

We are all sisters and brothers,  
Not by blood nor by skin,  
But by the spirit that is within.  
Those who were shot, their life is running thin  
Yet they are those with the "colour" on their skin.  
We need to stop the violence  
And allow equality in.  
We say:  
"Black lives matter"  
Yet still we need to chatter:  
"Let's find our equalities -  
" That's what really matters!"

What it means to be me

What does it mean to be me?  
Everyone is different yet so unique.  
Race can't define us don't you agree?  
Then, let's end this racist streak.

I am from various backgrounds,  
But that doesn't matter, does it?  
We can all find a common ground,  
So why is it so hard to admit?

My talents, skills and personality define me,  
Not my appearance, background, or religion.  
We all belong to the human race so let's live in unity.  
Let's unite for our anti-racist vision.

If our minds can conceive it, and our hearts can believe it,  
Then surely, we can achieve it.

By Hadia

## St Gabriel's

### **Eleanor**

To be human is to know emotion,  
It is a rollercoaster of ups and downs,  
To one day feel alone like a pebble washed up on the shore,  
And the other feel like a hawk soaring through the skies.

To be human is to know difference,  
To stand out from the crowd,  
To be as confident as an eagle,  
And as brave as a lion.

To be human is to explore,  
To fill the world with happiness and light,  
The world, a blank canvas,  
In need of life.

Abraham Moss

By Nabiha

**I know I am human because I have a brain,  
My brain is connected to my heart,  
My heart is connected to my feelings,  
My feelings are related to my family,  
My family feeds and love me which my body needs,  
My body is growing,  
Growing stronger and stronger,  
I can walk and run faster and faster,  
I can grab things with my hands,  
I can feel things with my hands,  
I look in the mirror it shows me  
That I am a human.**

By Sarai

To be a human is to have a warm heart,

I know I am a human because humans don't need wealth to be their self.

When your a human your soul screams as loud as the earth when it crumbles.

A human has a fantastic family so their bones don't rumble.

Sometimes when your a human you have a colourful soul,

When your a human you have a good goal.

## Falinge Park High

Maybe We...

Cee Jay

Maybe it's time,  
Maybe we couldn't,  
Maybe we won't,  
Maybe we're not.

Always say it's an accident,  
Could be our citizens,  
Could be us or you,  
Could be our land,  
Or someone else.

Are we in the way?  
Wherever we go,  
We get stuck,  
Heat out of this globe,  
Or a nice bounce on the past.

Maybe it's time,  
For another try,  
We're all together,  
In this messed up place,  
One more stepback.

You promised,  
Promised to help us through,  
But now were trapped,  
Where are you now?

Driving us crazy,  
Just let me out,  
No begging, no more.

Another try could be what we need,  
Maybe yes, maybe no, maybe who,  
Who's in there?  
Let us know.

What made us split?  
What split the world into factions,  
Just like factions.

Maybe reconnect,  
Maybe get in the mind-  
Get in the mindset.

Break us apart,  
All from one side,  
Struggles keep us up,  
Talking is what we need,

Stay up at night,  
Try again,  
To create the bond,  
We once had,

Country to country,  
City to city,  
We should-  
Should reunite

Amber

WE ARE HUMAN

We are human

We understand

We understand friends

We understand family

We understand pain

We understand comfort

We understand heartbreak

We understand happiness

We understand smiles

We understand ALL

We can love

We can empathise

We can walk

We can talk

We can breathe

We can help

We can change

We are INCREDIBLE

## Ladybridge

### Taylor

To be human is to look at yourself and know you're beautiful.  
You look at yourself and love your body.  
Don't think negative thoughts: know your worth.  
Everything happens for a reason.

To be human is the fear of walking the streets alone,  
But doing it anyway.  
You are a confident young person, you are beautiful -  
Don't let anybody tell you differently.  
You are your own you:  
Strong, worthy and resilient.  
Don't let anyone change who you think you are.

To be human is to not compare yourself to anybody.  
You're different.  
You're you.  
You're gorgeous and I'm proud of you.  
Know your worth.  
There's a whole big world out there.

## **Yusuf**

To feel the love and care of your family is what it means to be human,  
Needing the hydration of water on a hot summer's day.  
To fear death with his giant scythe knowing that we could be next,  
Hoping that one day that everyone will get justice and equality.  
To be human is to feel the chilling texture of ice and snow,  
Needing security and knowing that you are protected.  
Fearing the worst of what can happen and to hope that we get peace.  
To feel the warmth of hot chocolate on a cold winter's day  
And to need a place that we can call home.  
Fearing the afterlife is what it means to be human.  
To have the shock of seeing the new PS5 on your desk urging you to play it.  
Following your dreams and making them come true is the next mission in life.  
With every fail, you fall; with every fall, you crawl;  
When hope is frail, just know that right behind you there is always someone,  
Someone to help you exceed the minimum and reach the maximum in your life.  
To leave behind your past in dust and drive towards your future in a gust.  
Don't let the darkness block the light of joy when your mission is to reach the end and enjoy.  
To be human is to feel that you are the author of your life.

## The Valley Leadership Academy

### Room for One More

Silence.

The sudden sound of coins,

Clanging in the pockets of many.

Longing

With lonely eyes,

Twitching nose,

Drooling mouth,

Freshly baked bread in Asda.

Shivering as the rain pours –

Soaked in the remnants of a cardboard cover

A flurry of colour as umbrellas go up,

Maroon 67 Bus and

A sliver of a silver Citroen

Flash past

And a hundred little stones pelt the ground.

It's pain like never before

Swept into a blizzard of cold hard stares.

Pity and ignorance reek.

Until

At last

It stops.

The slap of tired feet in puddles on the pavement  
A sting of realisation when the last bed  
Has gone.

But  
tonight, the welcoming glow,  
Safety in the hostel doorway,  
Is as warm as a blanket of cream of tomato soup  
Because  
There is room for one more.

Human to the core  
We remain defiant –  
Pave the way to embrace change  
Embrace the warmth of a feeling heart  
Standing together  
With room for one more.

**By Rhys**