

## *Black Family Pledge*

*Therefore, we pledge to bind ourselves to one another,  
To embrace our lowliest,  
To keep company with our loneliest  
To educate our illiterate,  
To feed our starving,  
To clothe our ragged.*

*To do all good things, knowing that we are more than  
keepers*

*Of our brothers and sisters. We are our brothers and sisters.  
In honor of those who toiled and implored God with Golden  
Tongues, and in gratitude to the same God who brought us  
out of  
Hopeless desolation  
We make this pledge.*

*By Dr. Maya Angelou, 1986*