

*Praise Song in Tribute to Cicely Tyson, A Poem*  
Mama Linda's Chapbook  
The Peale, Baltimore  
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**Mama Linda Goss** (00:00): Mama Cicely Tyson was 96 years young. The internal youth of light burned within her. She quoted, "I would not accept roles unless they projected us, particularly women, in a realistic light and dealt with us as human beings."

**Mama Linda Goss** (00:27) She played her roles with strength and dignity, Harriet Tubman; Coretta Scott King, Miss Jane Pittman; Rebecca, the sharecropper in *Souder*; Binta, mother of Kunta Kinte in *Roots*; and so many more. She quoted, "I don't Uncle Tom for anybody. I don't care who it is. When I smile, I smile. I do not grin."

**Mama Linda Goss** (01:39) Ancestor Nana Queen Mama has left us an eternal light of hope, endurance, and courage within our souls. Remember her smile, remember her smiling light, remember the smiling light within. The show must go on.