

# Michael Jackson

KING OF POP  
A CELEBRATION  
OF THE LIFE OF MICHAEL JACKSON  
1958-2009





To the world Michael is an icon.

To me Michael is family.

He will forever live in all of our hearts.

I miss you Mike and I love you.

Dunk

Michael, I recall you sitting on a chair in your bedroom staring at the television watching the 1980 Grammy Awards show, crying to me because you had won only one Grammy Award and you said, 'Watch La Toya, my next record I'm going to sell more records and win more Grammys than anyone in the history of music... I will be the biggest and the greatest entertainer of all time'.

You began to write that dream all throughout your bedroom, on the walls, on the mirrors, in your books and anywhere else you could find space. You started working much harder, creating sounds in songs that the world had never heard before, you started dancing until you would literally collapse. When most artists were trying to learn how to sing and do a two-step, you were singing and moonwalking. You took your dream to a much higher level and turned it into a reality, a reality of over 100 million records sold on that next album, 'Thriller'. You thereafter continued to turn every one of your dreams into reality, while inspiring the world and becoming the most recognizable, the most well-known and the most loved person in the entire world.

You've lived your dream, you've proven to us all that if you believe, you will achieve; you believed, and oh my, did you achieve! What you've accomplished is astounding – no one can ever possibly follow! Your dreams were so incredible that it made the world a much happier place to live, and the world wouldn't let you rest because they demanded your dreams to transport them to another place!

You've done your work here Michael, you've entertained us for decades and there's nothing else that you can prove or accomplish here on earth. You taught us how to laugh, how to love and how to believe. God has now called for you to come home, collect your wings and to fulfill your demands in Heaven and continue your magic amongst the angels.

Mike I love you deeply and I can't wait to see you perform again.

**Keep the magic going!!!**

La Toya

Michael, your legacy will last forever. You are a true genius and you will be missed deeply by all who knew you and those who never met you.

I'm so blessed to have known such a wonderful person and I look forward to seeing you again in Heaven.

**Thank you for the many years of memories!**

Jeffré Phillips

Starting out in Gary, we were brothers who enjoyed music; we had no idea of what was to come. My memories of us as a family? Michael running through the house - no one could catch Michael, he was always fast on his feet. I watched as we moved from Gary to Los Angeles, from singing in clubs to filling stadiums. My brother Michael was always pushing it to the sky, as far as it could go. Michael put his heart and soul into his music, his family and into his work of always helping others.

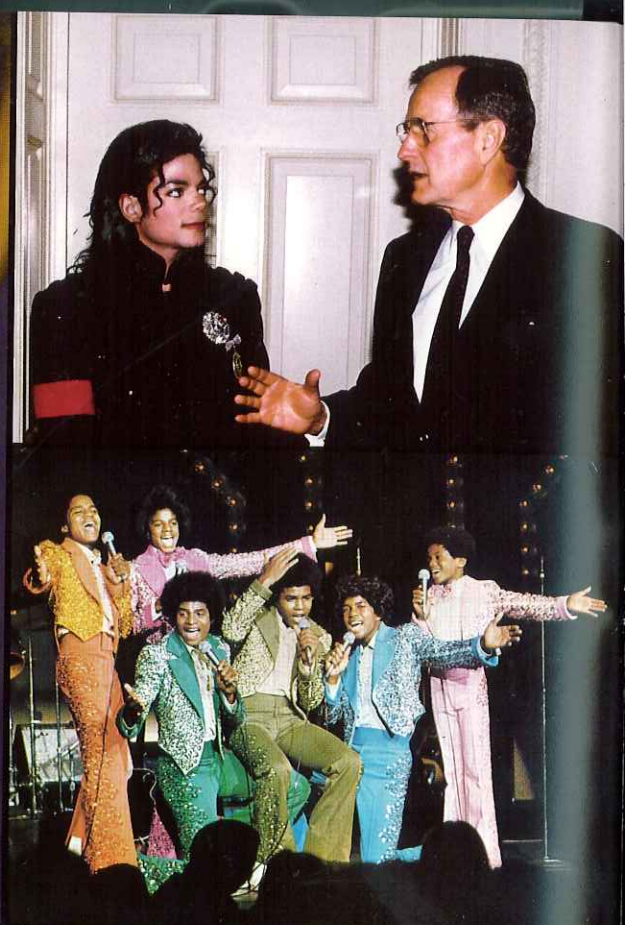


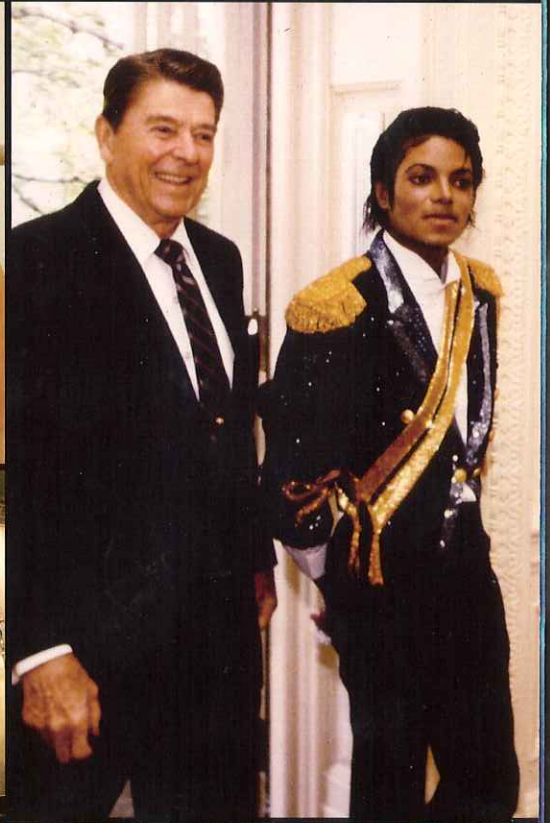
My brother developed a shoe that showed resistance to gravity. What a man! Michael gave so much to the world; people didn't understand his pain when the world started taking it back. He built a home that would provide a place where children who were ill and paralyzed could come find peace, enjoy the outside air and watch movies.

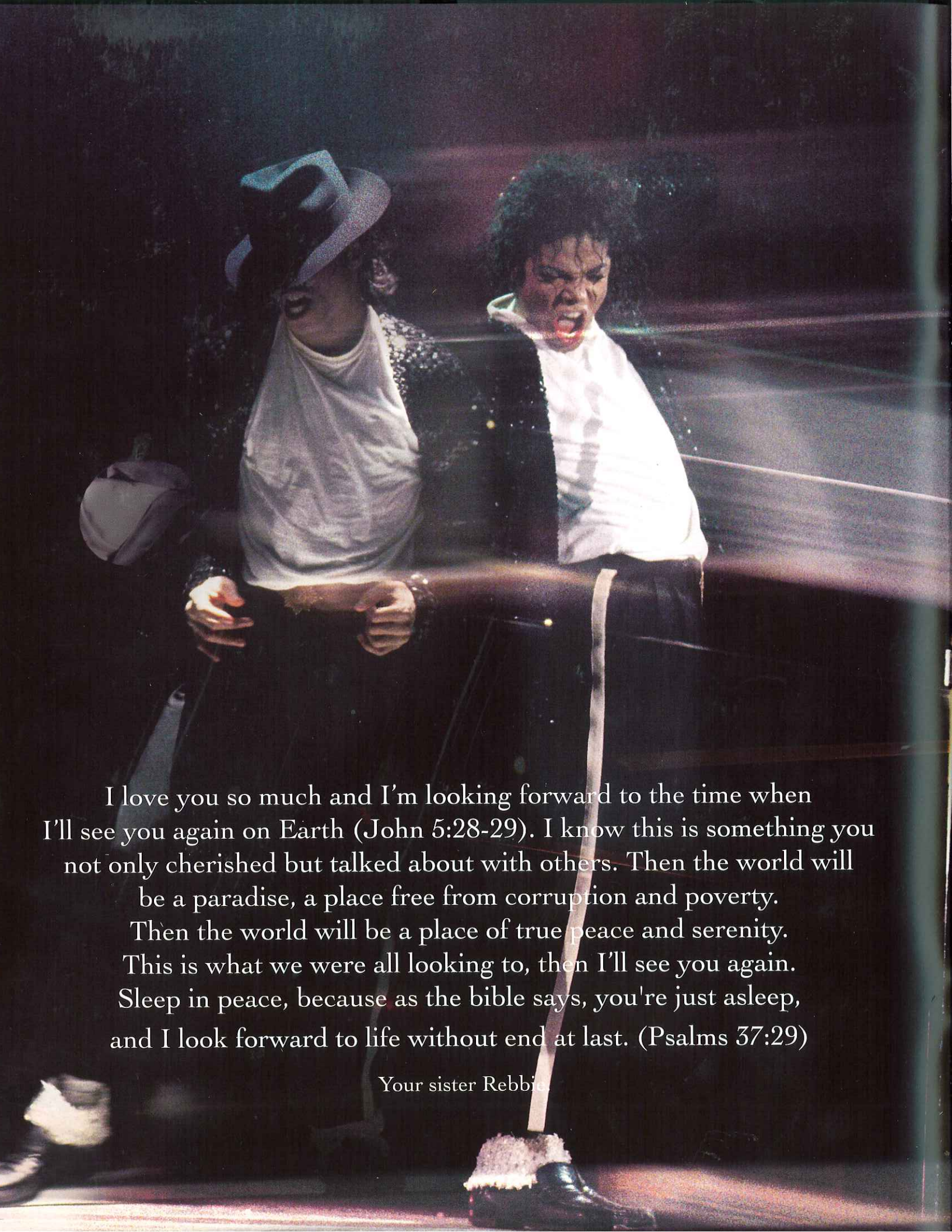
My brother is in the Guinness Book of World Records for giving large portions of donations to numerous charities. He gave and he never thought twice. I watched the light in Michael's eyes fade as he faced trials and tribulations for being misunderstood. Michael kept going with a smile and a grace of simply keeping what he stands for and believes in. Michael has left me and my brothers a legacy, a part of us being a part of history. I am proud to be his big brother, I am proud to have watched his talent succeed above all!

I love him. Michael is with me always. We will carry the light and make the light shine again for Michael and the world. Tito





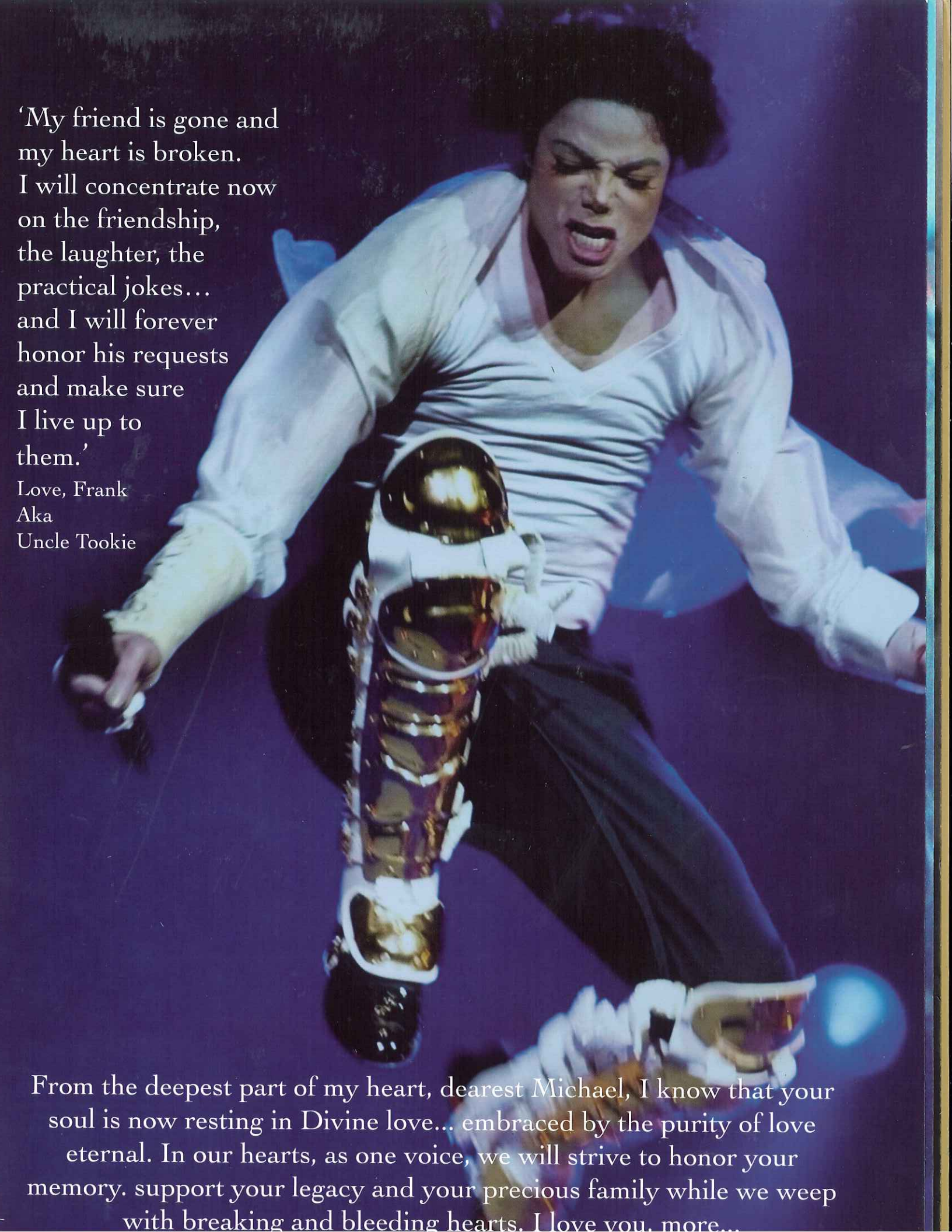




I love you so much and I'm looking forward to the time when I'll see you again on Earth (John 5:28-29). I know this is something you not only cherished but talked about with others. Then the world will be a paradise, a place free from corruption and poverty. Then the world will be a place of true peace and serenity. This is what we were all looking to, then I'll see you again. Sleep in peace, because as the bible says, you're just asleep, and I look forward to life without end at last. (Psalms 37:29)

Your sister Rebbie



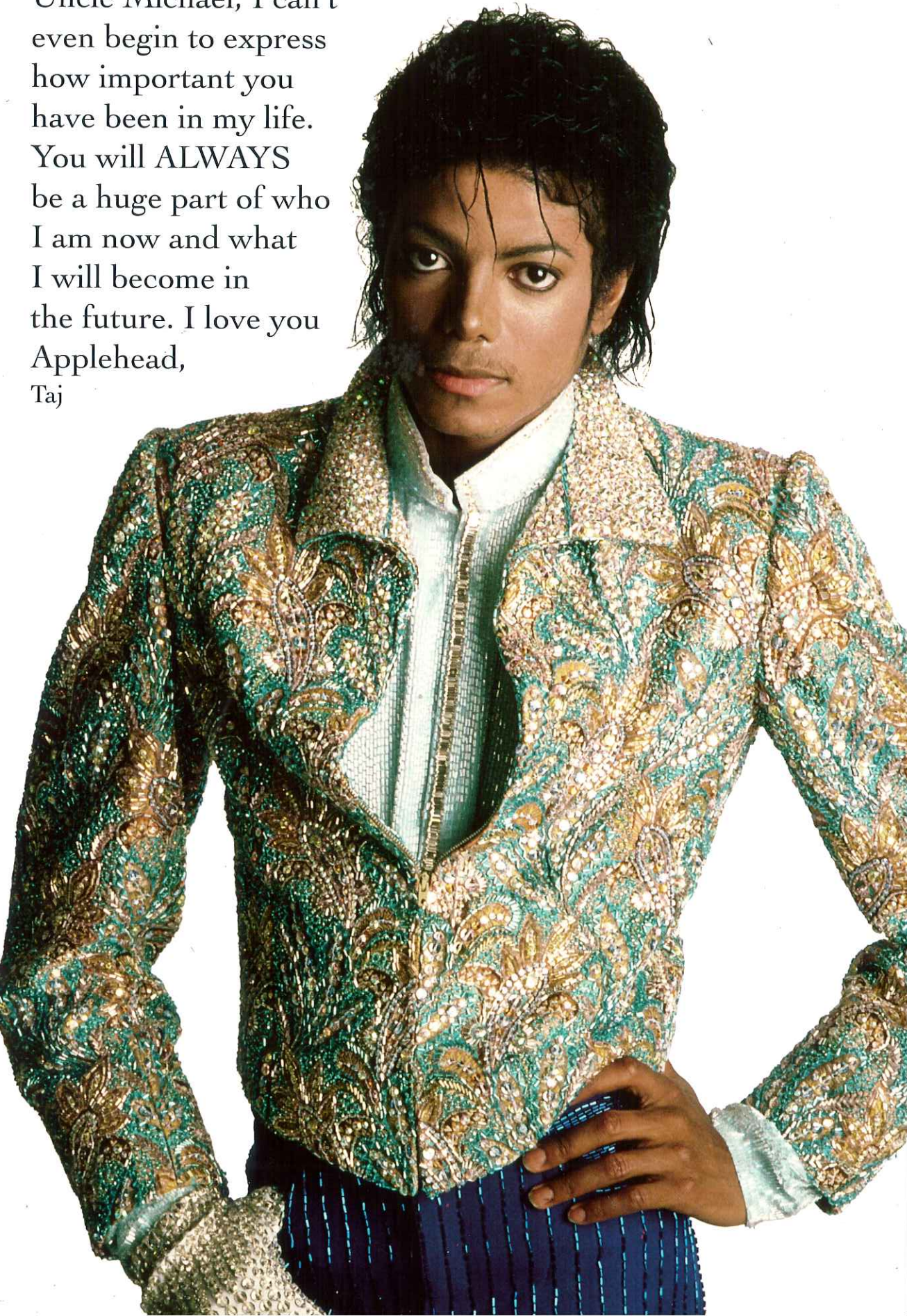
A photograph of Michael Jackson in a dynamic dance pose. He is wearing a white, long-sleeved, button-down shirt with the sleeves rolled up, and gold, ribbed leg warmers over black pants. He is captured in a crouching, lunging position with his mouth open as if singing or shouting. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly a stage backdrop.

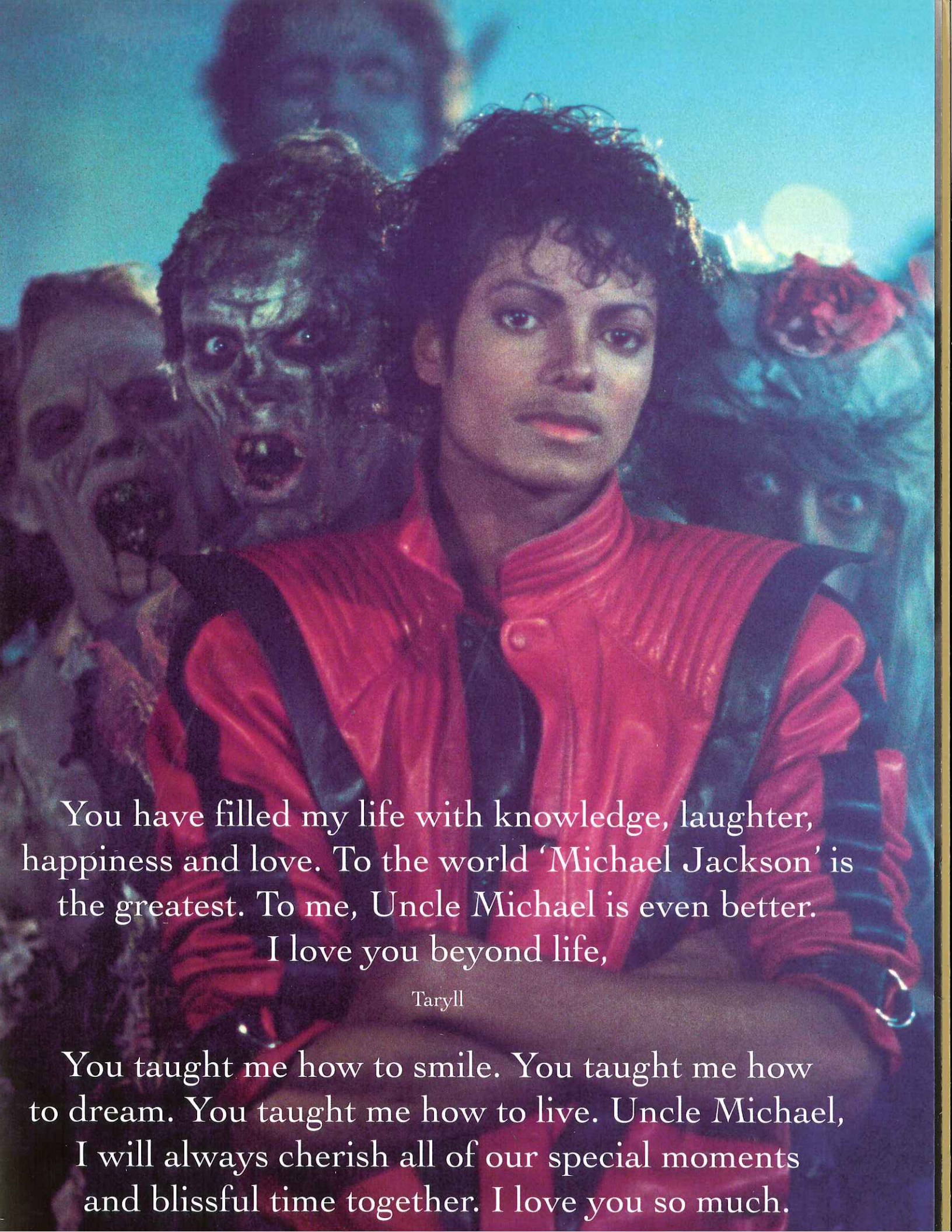
'My friend is gone and  
my heart is broken.  
I will concentrate now  
on the friendship,  
the laughter, the  
practical jokes...  
and I will forever  
honor his requests  
and make sure  
I live up to  
them.'

Love, Frank  
Aka  
Uncle Tookie

From the deepest part of my heart, dearest Michael, I know that your soul is now resting in Divine love... embraced by the purity of love eternal. In our hearts, as one voice, we will strive to honor your memory. support your legacy and your precious family while we weep with breaking and bleeding hearts. I love you, more...

Uncle Michael, I can't  
even begin to express  
how important you  
have been in my life.  
You will ALWAYS  
be a huge part of who  
I am now and what  
I will become in  
the future. I love you  
Applehead,  
Taj



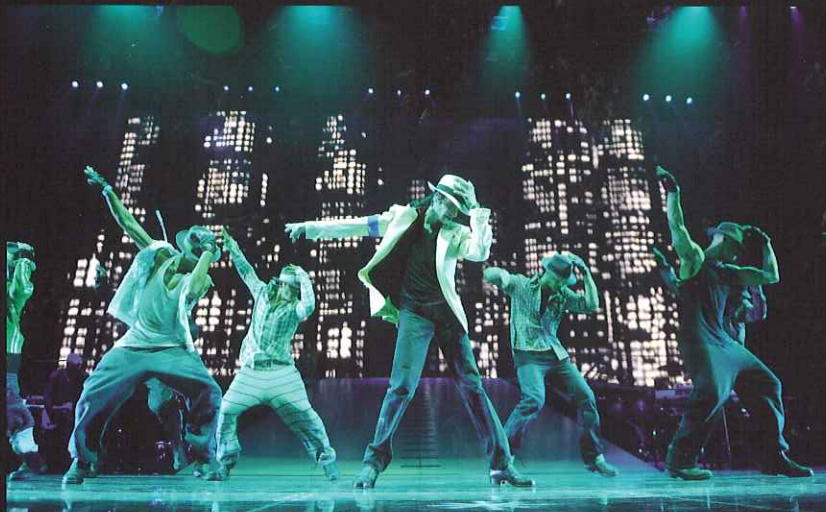


You have filled my life with knowledge, laughter, happiness and love. To the world 'Michael Jackson' is the greatest. To me, Uncle Michael is even better.

I love you beyond life,

Taryll

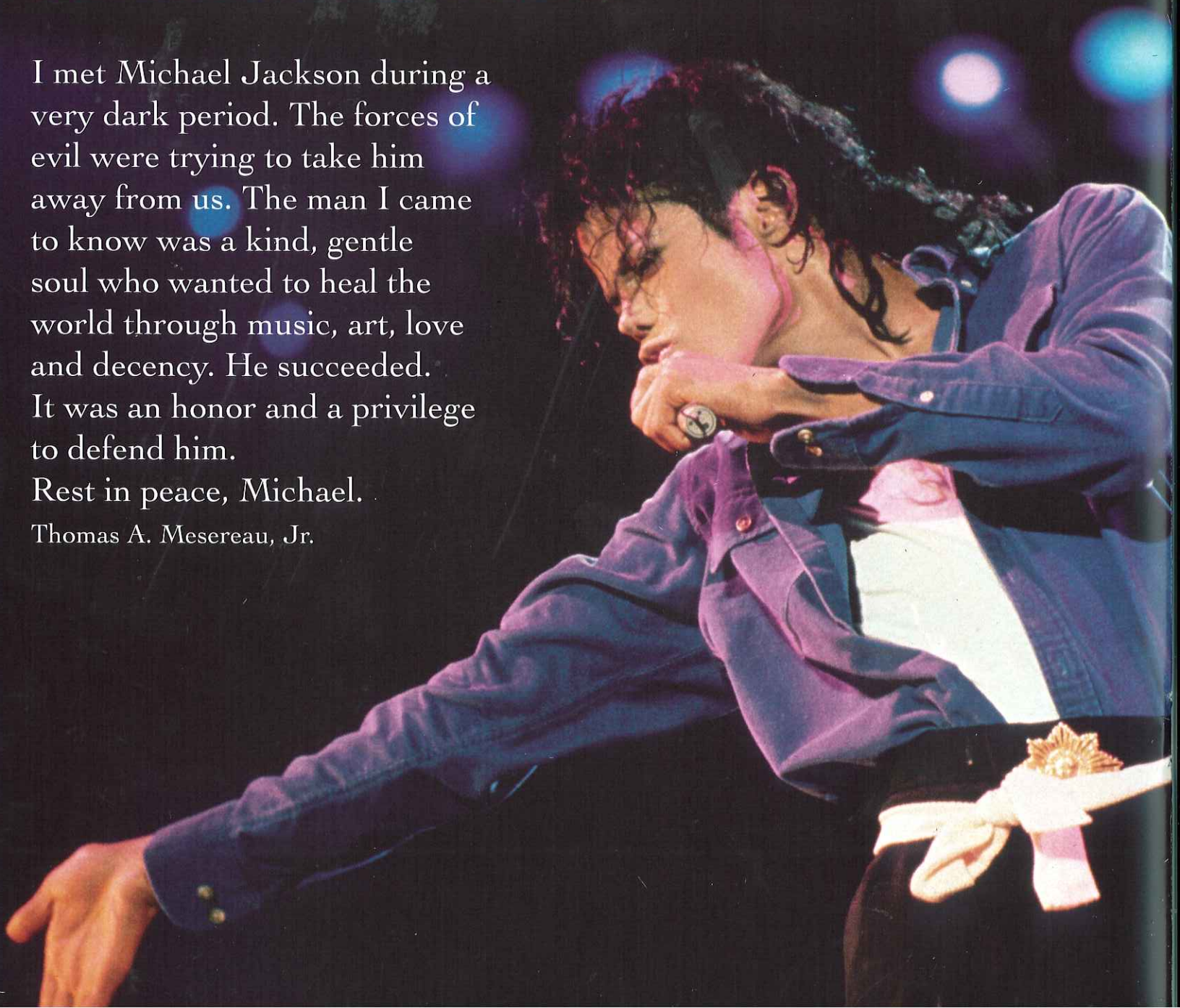
You taught me how to smile. You taught me how to dream. You taught me how to live. Uncle Michael, I will always cherish all of our special moments and blissful time together. I love you so much.

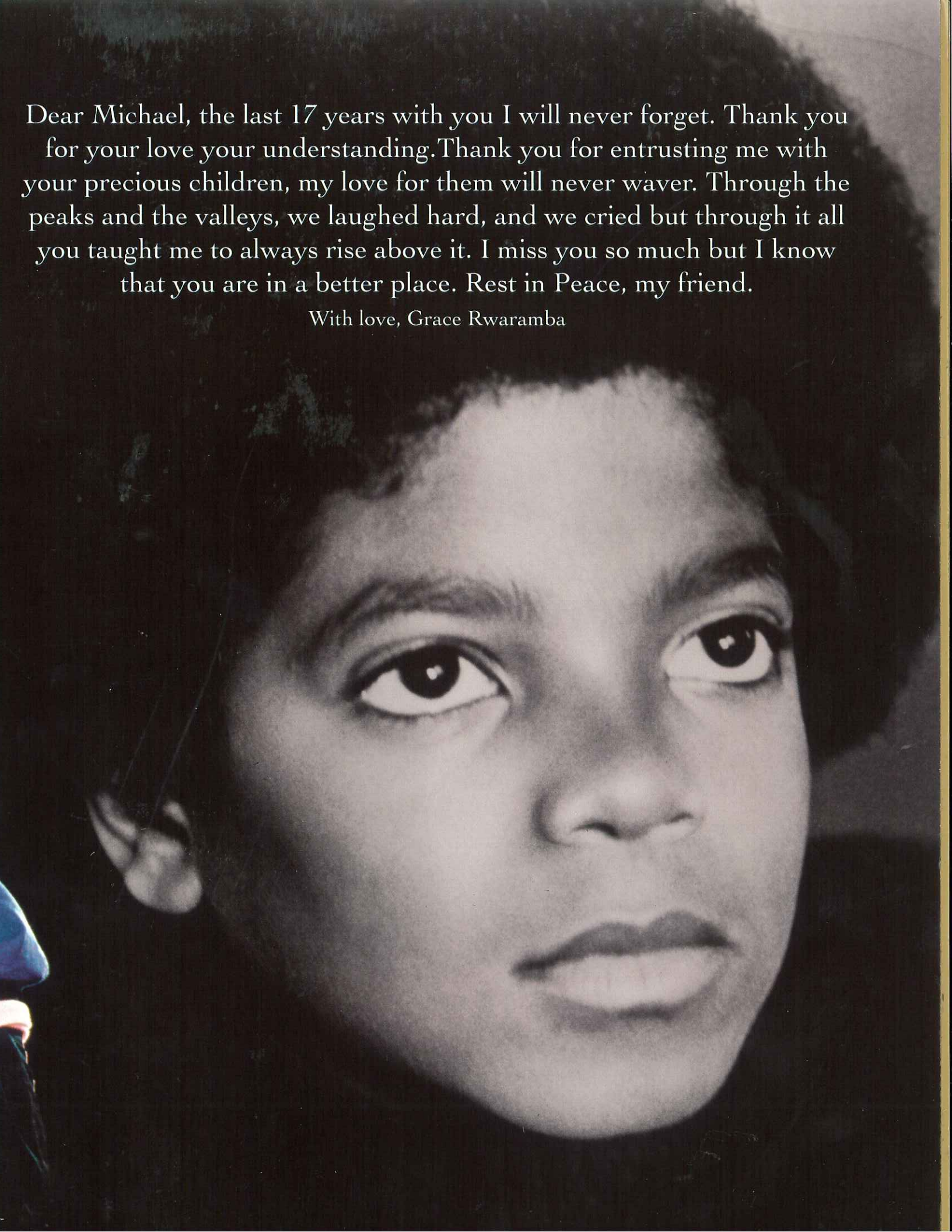


I met Michael Jackson during a very dark period. The forces of evil were trying to take him away from us. The man I came to know was a kind, gentle soul who wanted to heal the world through music, art, love and decency. He succeeded. It was an honor and a privilege to defend him.

Rest in peace, Michael.

Thomas A. Mesereau, Jr.





Dear Michael, the last 17 years with you I will never forget. Thank you for your love your understanding. Thank you for entrusting me with your precious children, my love for them will never waver. Through the peaks and the valleys, we laughed hard, and we cried but through it all you taught me to always rise above it. I miss you so much but I know that you are in a better place. Rest in Peace, my friend.

With love, Grace Rwaramba

Uncle Michael, in the short time we got to walk, you left the impression of love, passion and compassion for the ones who can't, or have not been blessed. Patience and Love even though the ignorance of the world, I saw you stand alone, as one man, a father, loving heart open to your family and the world. I say one man because you were, and always will be, my uncle, my loving uncle and true definition of a man. Always Loving You, always... Until we meet again! May your Soul finally rest on this Journey, Siggy! Rubba 07/01/09

Through your gift of song, you expressed love, peace, and joy, which will forever play in the rhythm of our hearts. I love you, and I thank you. Jermaine Jackson II

Never can say goodbye. You left me with so many wonderful memories, so vivid, I could just touch them. You will live in my heart forever. I love you, Uncle Michael. Forever, Autu (Autumn Jackson)

Even though you're not here in the physical, it's comforting to know that you're here in spirit. I love and miss you. Your nephew, Jaimy Jackson

I will remember the precious times we spent together forever. You will always remain in our hearts. And the World as well as I will always remember you, The King of Music. Love, Dante

I will always keep the times that we spent together in my heart. You have inspired me and the world to love. I love you and we will all miss you. I know you're watching over us. Love, Genevieve

I will always cherish the moments I shared with you, uncle Michael. You were a wonderful human being. You touched many hearts in the world. Forever Love, Randy Jr.

I love you, uncle Michael, we will always miss you. Love, Jermajesty

Uncle Michael, Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind is what you have reached for all you have given with your time and talent. Your children are truly a reflection of your contribution to the world. I love you and will miss you from the bottom of my heart. Yashi Brown (Ya-Ya)

Someone very special has left me. My uncle was so beautiful. His thrill in life was to make you happy. Some of the most unforgettable moments in my life were spent with him, imagining we could fly, watching Disney films or traveling to distant lands. I'd like to express my undying gratitude for the most magical moment of my life, My Wedding Day! I will love him and miss him forever, Stacy

My dear friend Michael, You left us too soon but your legacy of music and love will live forever. Thank you for letting me in on the fun. I Love You and Miss You! Harrison Funk

I love you and you will forever remain in my heart. I know that at this very moment you're smiling down at us all. We Miss You. Love, Stevanna

Michael was my artistic inspiration and my heart. He will live forever... for all of mankind. I love you more. 'Turkle' Karen Faye

I used to be afraid of when the day comes and I pass on, but now I will live my life happily to the end knowing that when it's my time I will wake up and see you again! You're my hero, my teacher, and my uncle Michael. See you soon. I love you. Austin.

Such a precious soul who touched so many. We love you Uncle Michael. Forever in our Hearts, Brandi

Uncle Michael, I love you and I will miss you very much. You will always be in my heart. Royal

Loved, honored, and respected by so many. You are deeply missed by ALL. May peace be with you. Brittany and Valencia

Mr. Jackson, being your personal assistant for the past two years has not been a job but a phenomenal and empowering experience. Words are too simple to express my most humble gratitude for being blessed to talk, work, and to just be in your presence daily. You were more than my employer you were my mentor and friend. I will forever honor your legacy by fulfilling our promise. You will always live in my heart. Your Friend, Brother Michael (Michael Amir)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Perhaps you sent a lovely card  
Or sat quietly in a chair;  
Perhaps you sent a beautiful spray  
If so we saw it there;  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
As any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts  
In your special way,  
May God's many blessings be yours from day to day.

## THANK YOU FROM THE JACKSON FAMILY

Cover Photo by HARRISON FUNK. Contributing Photographers: SAM EMERSON, JONATHAN EXLEY, HARRISON FUNK, JK ISAAC, KEVIN MAZUR, HERB RITTS, STEVEN PAUL WHITSETT  
Program Coordination: JANICE L. SMITH  
Art Direction: HARRISON FUNK  
Design and Consultant Art Direction: DAVID COSTA  
Producer: TOM BENNETT

Michael, we have been so privileged to have been able to call you our Boss.  
You will forever remain in our hearts, we love you, respect you and we will forever  
treasure our own fond memories of you.

'Each tear that is shed around the world is the note to the heavens.'

Bye for now, The Hayvenhurst Five – Janice, Jesus, Abel, Jorge & Olinda

Dearest Michael, how do we even begin to tell you what you meant to us?  
What a beautiful journey we had with you. You touched so many lives and we are honored  
to have been one of them. How blessed are we to have been given the opportunity to see  
your dream of Neverland grow and flourish. What a lesson we learned in compassion,  
generosity and love from you.

Because of you, the sound of children's laughter, the whistle of a steam train or the whirl  
of a carousel, will always bring a smile to our hearts. You will forever be felt in the gentle  
breezes rustling through the trees, in the trickling of the streams and in the stillness  
of the valley of Neverland.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your dream. The enormity of what you gave and  
created leaves us speechless. May you sing with the Angels above, our love forever,  
Your Neverland Family

DooDoo, It is only once in a lifetime where you meet a true Angel sent  
from the Heavens above. I count my blessings each day for I have experienced Heaven on  
Earth. The wisdom, guidance, and knowledge will always be remembered and put into  
action. I thank you for the memories, for they will remain in my heart forever and ever.  
Our friendship will be always be treasured. I write on behalf of my family.

We promise to always remain 'The First Family of Love'.

From the Bottom of our Hearts

WE THANK YOU and will love you FOREVER and ALWAYS.

ANGEL 'Dr.Heat' Cascio and the Cascio Family

Dear DooDoo, Even though you're not around I still feel your presence every second,  
and in that I find my strength. Thank you and I'm forever grateful for everything you taught  
me and all the knowledge you shared. You made me the person I am today and I promise to  
make you proud. Our time together is treasured in my heart, forever and always.

I love you. I can't wait to see you again.

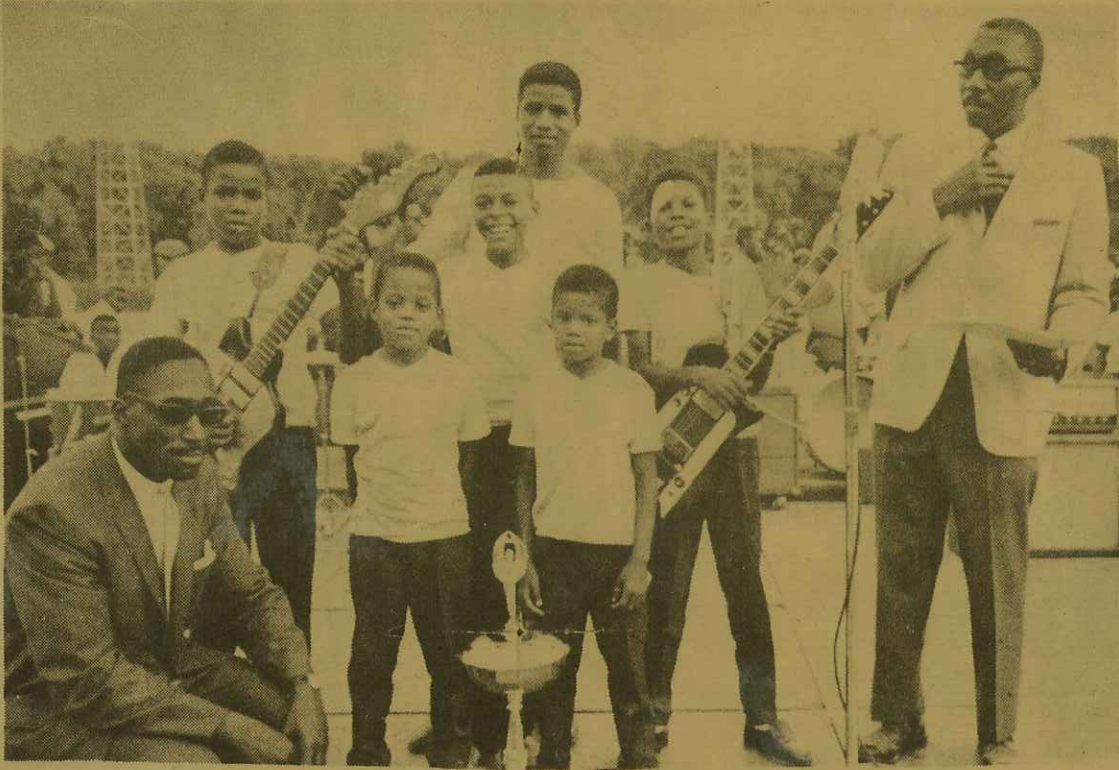
Ahern Lossa 'Big Blanklets' From Little M.

I have lost my best friend... lost my best man at my wedding...  
my daughter has lost her Godfather.

The Brando's have lost a special family member and our hearts are numb and broken.  
I will never be the same but know, in my heart and for the world, his legacy will live forever.

With all my love, Miko and the Brando Family

## First Place Winners Of The Talent Search



**THE JACKSON FIVE.** . . . Youthful musical aggregation who were First Place winners of the Annual Talent Search held last Sunday at Gilroy Stadium. The well attended and entertaining affair was Emceed by WJCA's popular Disc Jockey, Jesse Coopwood, who is well known for keeping the public entertained with his program in the middle. Chevy Chase's Chevy Chase with the group of "Winners" is shown left in the photo.

