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*Montika Smith (Public Relations 2027)*

I wrap my fingers around my locs  
 Favorite strands adorned with gold  
 I tuck my masterpiece into a bonnet  
 For the night  
 My artwork rests like a crown  
 On my head  
 I've decolonized my hands  
 No longer producing burnt ears  
 And crispy ends  
 I've decolonized my lips  
 No longer speaking  
 Nappy  
 Difficult  
 Too much  
 I'm no longer tangled in the lies  
 Telling me that my hair  
 Should be tamed  
 Standardized  
 Whitened  
 Because it's all mine  
 And all  
 Beautiful

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*Anna Cheng*

*(Studio Art 2025)*

