

Verbalskillz is one of the upcoming rising poets of his era. His fluid style of poetry has gained him the respect of many of peers and readers alike. Born Richie Carlton Harris on August 28, 1956, in Washington, D.C. Verbalskillz was born into a military family where he had received the opportunity to travel aboard most of his childhood and teenage years.

Verbalskillz in radio interviews has said he started writing poetry in 1970 because of a schoolboy crush. As he tells it; his family were about to move once again and he never had the nerve to tell this young lady how he felt, subsequently, he wrote about 20 poems, left them in a book to his home room teacher, asking him to give them to the young girl. He never knew if she received the poems.

Soon afterwards Verbalskillz found himself outside the US once again and continued to write his poetry with a new twist. His poetry now reflected the impact of being an outsider by the American kids and a favorite of the kids of the Paraguayan nation. Although he was student council president, asst. yearbook editor, and a star athlete, he was not good enough to be invited to many functions the kids had.

His father died in 1974 and Verbalskillz poetry took even a stranger twist, he now began expressing the idealization of death and suicide. He entered South Carolina state college at the time and found himself once again isolated, and again his poetry reflected those views. However, it was about this time he fell head over heels over another young lady and this is when his poetry began to reflect the ideals of being in love.

His mother made him transfer to St Pauls College in Lawrenceville, VA; where he discovered he did not fit once again no matter how hard he had tried. About this same time he discovered the effects of recreational drugs, cocaine excluded and alcohol. He also discovered that in college life, people generally admired poets and he began another twist in his writing, leaving poetry alone and began to write screenplays and short stories. One day, one of his classmates stole a big peek at all his handwritten material, read it, and then encouraged him to keep writing.

It was not until the internet and home PCs began entering the homes across America that Verbalskillz found a niche in this world. He quickly became an internet poet and gained large popularity. Over the course of the next five to ten years, Verbalskillz was happy at just being a "cyber poet". He did not try to publish anything during those years. Through a conversation with one of his brothers and a dear friend in which they advised him to take the next step.

Verbalskillz published his first book with author in 2009; the title, "MY CLOUDS HAVE WINGS", was a compilation of 35 poems and seven short stories with of those going back to his college days. They sold moderately well, then, everything stopped. His depression had to worsen due to life pressures he was facing at the time. His mother passed away in August 2006, he became unemployed in 2008, two failed relationships in 2009, and ultimately homeless in 2010.

His career as a poet took yet another twist as he began doing spoken word performances in mid 2009 and throughout 2010. During this whole time he was working on his second compilation of short stories

and poems, entitled, "VISIONS OF ELASTIC RAINBOWS". Also, he had begun work on a CD and decided to launch his own internet radio station called VENERATION RADIO.COM. All three of these projects are due to be released in august of 2011.

Verbalskillz will continue to remain in the forefront of poets and authors alike, his first novel, "INCOMING" is due to be released in April of 2012. This is only a brief introduction. There will be much more to write on the man Verbalskillz.