



★ **If My Hair Had a Voice**

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Natural hair is used to mark and explore a connection to community and identity in this affirming, educational picture book about Afro-textured hairstyles and their history. When yet another comb breaks off in her hair while Granny styles it, Kimya apologizes and asks if they can straighten it instead. Her grandmother tells her, "If your hair had a voice, it wouldn't cry or apologize," prompting Kimya to set out on a quest to discover the stories her hair has to tell.

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