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“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” – Anne Frank

In “Multicolored,” I portray three of my closest friends. This piece shows that there is harmony in the diversity of their appearances and personalities. The subjects come from different ethnicities, have different body shapes and sizes, different hair textures, and different facial expressions. I also purposely painted them in different colors and separated them so that they each occupy their own space. However, I used an analogous color scheme to show that, although they are different, they are still similar and can coincide next to each other peacefully. They do not overpower each other despite not being the same.

I wanted to show that all three of the subjects have their own beauty and that they can all be beautiful together. We are all different but we all have the potential to live in harmony. We have the potential to focus on our similarities more than our differences. This painting challenges the ideas that our differences separate us and that there is one definition of beauty. I hope that this painting can change the mind of a few and that, in doing so, it makes the world a better place.

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