I aim to reclaim a space for home for the black, the brown, the nameless, my patients, myself. I try to find my home through them. --Sriram Shamasunder

The Marvelous Connections Between Poetry & Medicine

"Sri Shamasunder likes to say he was a poet before he was a doctor. His college mentor, the legendary poet and activist June Jordan, passed away from cancer during his first year of medical school, but had a lasting impact on his practice of medicine. She encouraged him to harness righteous anger and to use his voice to fight inequity, inspiring Shamasunder's work as a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and as the co-founder and director of the HEAL Initiative, an equity-based global health fellowship that provides quality care for communities in need around the world." In the following podcast Sri explores the parallels between poetry and medicine, how the HEAL Initiative nurtures "noble friendships" across cultural divides, the influence of his mentors, and more.

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In this inspiring talk, Sriram shares more about the inspired work of the HEAL Initiative, and the ethos and vision behind it.