

**Y** IS FOR...

# YURI KOCHIYAMA

Even though she had hurt in her heart  
And tears in her eyes,

Yuri learned to rise –

Above  
With the Courage of Love

She cared for her community  
She lifted up the oppressed  
She comforted those in prison

Yuri became friends with Malcolm X  
Together they spoke out against  
discrimination and racism

They showed the world  
the Power of Friendship

Yuri never stopped raising her voice  
Fierce, tireless  
Devoted, powerful  
Civil Rights Activist

- Mila Konomos



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*"Life is not what you alone make it.  
Life is the input of everyone  
who touched your life and every  
experience that entered it.  
We are all part of one another."*

-Yuri Kochiyama

