***The Hill We Climb* – antwoorden**

1. What does Amanda Gorman say about herself in the poem?  
   She is a skinny Black girl who was raised by a single mother and who can dream of becoming president (following in the footsteps of Kamala Harris), but is now standing there and reading her poet for a president.  
   *Where a skinny Black girl  
   descended from slaves and raised by a single mother  
   can dream of becoming president  
   only to find herself reciting for one.*
2. *... to put our future first, / we must first put our differences aside*   
   Before we can work on our future we have to stop thinking about the things we do not agree on.
3. *We seek harm to none and harmony for all*   
   We do not want to harm anybody. We want all people to live in harmony.
4. *It’s because being American is* ***more than a pride*** *we inherit,  
   it’s the past* ***we step into*** *and how we* ***repair it***
5. Is the poem more optimistic or more pessimistic about the future?   
   More optimistic:

*And yet the dawn is ours*

*a nation that isn’t broken*  
*but simply unfinished*

*And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us*  
*but what stands before us*

*We close the divide*

*We seek harm to none and harmony for all*

*In this truth*  
*in this faith we trust*

*To offer hope and laughter to ourselves*

*We will not march back to what was*  
*but move to what shall be*

*We will rebuild, reconcile and recover*

*The new dawn blooms as we free it*  
*For there is always light,*

And much more!