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Like multi-vitamins

Or stranger fruit

No longer hanging like trophies

At the neighborhood picnic

Where you simply picked a nigger

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And I guess any nigger will still do

So it goes…

All the way back Till

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There must be Grand Dragons

On the Grand Juries

‘Cause we can’t get you to indict

On back seat suicides,

Accidentally on purpose homicides

Or incontrovertible illegal strangleholds

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From Oaktown to Chi-town

From the Big Easy to the Big Apple

From Pasadena to LA, San Diego to the Bay

Not a one had a Mack to put down

Not even [Michael Brown](file:///C:\Users\hphanson\Downloads\history.com\this-day-in-history\michael-brown-killed-by-police-ferguson-mo)

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[Raheim Brown](https://sfbayview.com/2011/03/the-oakland-school-police-killing-of-raheim-brown-jr/)

[Ousmane Zongo](https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/ousmane-zongo-c-1960-2003/)

Ain’t here no more

Cain’t hear no more

But they’d ask you to put your ear to the floor

Ask you from the nether side of the door

Can you hear the jackboots coming?

Can you hear the jackboots coming?

Eyes right as they pass the grandstand

Left right left right, grand gesture

Sieg Heil! Left right, left right

Marginalized, ostracized, victimized and criminalized

Now they’re working on the next step of the final solution

Make that quantum leap from back seat suicide

To all out genocide

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Maybe a double tap on Sunday

[John Crawford](https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2019/02/12/killing-john-crawford-walmart-officer-wouldnt-have-changed-thing/2787871002/)

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[Natasha McKenna](https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/mckenna-natasha-1978-2015/)

[Pamela Turner](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/09/15/pamela-turner-shooting-texas-officer-indicted-assault-charge/5801905002/)

[Kimani Gray](https://www.colorlines.com/articles/nypd-kills-teen-who-witness-says-was-just-adjusting-belt)

We die living out 12-year-old dreams of GTA

Being in the wrong hallway

Standing in our own doorways

Trying to take the safe way

Getting on the subway

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[Tyree Woodson](http://baltimorebeat.com/2020/08/05/what-happened-to-tyree-woodson-intro/)

Might not have been a good son

[Ramarley Graham](https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/graham-ramarley-1993-2012/)

Might have been dealing weed

But, [Kenneth Chamberlain](https://sevenlastwords.org/seven-lives/kenneth-chamberlain/)

Got two in the chest ‘cause

His medic alert heart monitor

Brought the police to his door

[Wendell Allen](https://sevenlastwords.org/seven-lives/kenneth-chamberlain/)

Barefoot and wearing only jeans

Came out his bedroom door

To see who was busting down the front door

Wound up bleeding out on his momma’s floor

And not a single one

Had

A

Gun

In his hand

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[Freddie Gray](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/who-was-freddie-gray-and-how-did-his-death-lead-to-a-mistrial-in-baltimore/2015/12/16/b08df7ce-a433-11e5-9c4e-be37f66848bb_story.html)

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[Manuel Ellis](https://www.npr.org/2020/06/04/870005544/manuel-ellis-tacoma-man-died-in-police-custody-saying-he-can-t-breathe)

Beyond the menace and the malice

We let them walk away from murder most foul

And all we’re left with is technicolor video evidence

Mute testament to our collective impotence

Hashtags and Memorials

Raised fists and not so peaceful protests

To lives squandered

In a world where the blackest crime

Is simply blackness

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[McKenzie Cochran](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/mckenzie-cochran-northland-mall-died_n_5849348?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAJyhydqdzrahV0oyS3oSbgHDnZ6mqtRVTW7csjO7brLVHs61FMO19gN_0GPwergKKyDcjZLV6KnbO4DrTEfmEALdca71LUoPVS4G7BEiBR-9-vxzI7puQGyl1-8qfwSKZbq-76FsqdTN5f2GtFiZuP2Qj075xYJUTf_746-lVRsp)

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[Dieon Fludd](https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/fludd-deion-1996-2013/)

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[Johnnie Kamahi Warren](https://chocolatevent.com/2017/10/21/blacklivesmatter-who-was-johnnie-kamahi-warren/)

[Nehemiah Dillard](https://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/spring-hill-man-dies-after-jolts-from-taser/1218548/)

[Alonzo Ashley](https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/ashley-alonzo-1982-2011/)

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Walking dead

Now Talking heads

And blow hard coke heads

Want to Factor in race, and criminality

Forget their shared humanity

Forget that they were loved by somebody

Forget the two seconds it took to kill a twelve-year-old

Forget the grenade they dropped in house with a sleeping seven-year-old

Forget the autistic and the schizophrenic falling to a hail of lead

Convince yourselves that they’re all better off dead

Better yet, let them buy your silence

With grim rationalizations

After all, it’s only

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