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What is social injustice to me?

What is social injustice to me?
It's the reason my blackness isn't free.
Why couldn't you have asked,
when my people were tasked,
What is social injustice to me?

It's the reason you won't let us be.
It's bound hair in interviews,
And 'I Can't Breathe' on the news,
What is social injustice to me?

It's the reason i got that C,
My white teacher felt she was paid,
To give a black girl bad grades,
What is social injustice to me?

Think back to the last shooting on tv,
I bet they didn't even speak their name,
But I bet you assumed they were in a gang.
What is social injustice to me?

Open your eyes and you'll see.
They clutch their purses tighter,
When we get on the elevator.
What is social injustice to me?

A topic as such is quite weighty.
Monkey noises in the hallway,
While I'm just trying to get through my day
What is social injustice to me?

European Americans on tv.
Storming the nations capital
While my people get tear gassed like animals.
That is social injustice to me.

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And now all of sudden you want to find new solutions,
As if my people didn't exist before your resolutions,
As if my people weren't fighting before you gave you're two cents,
As if my people hadn't started the game before you even subbed in.

But I appreciate you're new found interest,
As if we're just a new folder to put onto pinterest,
As if we're just another chore, right next to the dishes,
As if leading my people out of their struggle is your ticket into forgiveness.

So stand back and bear witness
As we arise from the trenches
As we build our own bridges
As we strive with unimaginable ambition.

There will be no more social injustice for me.

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