

This Fucked Up World

Dear America,

I walk through life everyday
Not knowing if this will be my last day.
I breathe you fear me.
I walk you fear me.
I speak you fear me.
You took my innocence from me
You took my pureness from me
In your eyes before you met me
You decided my fate
You decided I wasn't worth living
You decided because of the color of my skin
I am beneath you.
In your eyes I must carry myself in a certain way
Speak when I am spoken to
Dress a certain way
I must be seen how you want me to be seen
In your eyes I am an Angry Black Women
Sometimes you make me hate myself
Sometimes you make me wish I wasn't black
You decide everyday to use your badge
As a source of power
You took people
Say there names
Travon Martin
Breonna Taylor
George Floyd
Sandra Bland
Ahmaud Arbery
Elijah McClain
Tony McDade
Tamir Rice
Philando Castile
Eric Garner
Botham Jean
Alton Sterling
Michael Brown

Aiyana Stanley-Jones
Renisha McBride
Freddie Gray
John Crawford
Walter Scott
Stephon Clark
Rayshard Brooks
Kendra James
Korryn Gaines
Latanya Haggerty
Pamela Shantay Turner
Pearlie Golden
Sandy Guardiola
Sonji Danese Taylor
Alberta Spruill
Atatiana Jefferson
Duanna Johnson
Geraldine Townsend
Janet Wilson
Layleen Cubilette-Polanco
Miriam Carey
Morgan London Rankins
Aura Rosser
You decided they weren't worth living
Because you feared the power they carry
For the color of their skin
You took someone's Mother, Father
Brother, Sister, Aunt, Uncle
Grandmother and Grandfather
Time is something they won't get back
Life is something they won't get back
The fucked up part is
I don't hate you
I feel sorry for you
Because you fear death
And me
But the difference between you and I is
I don't fear death
I don't fear you
I fear myself for speaking when I shouldn't speak

Or being at the wrong place
At the wrong time
Sadly the reality is we all die
We all die no matter if your young or old
Rich or poor
Black or White
My skin doesn't define me
I am worth living
You will not take my power from me
You will not take my voice from me
Now that you hear me
Have you decided my fate
Am I next?