

Dear Black Boy

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So
dear black boy
Some words of advice
I sculpt my words with worry
Because I fear for your life

Did you hear of the man who almost lost his
After a high speed chase
He was pulled from his car
And thrown on his face
As if they forgot this is a person
Who is
Apart of the human race
No
Instead they beat him mercilessly
Leaving him with 11 skull fractures
Broken bones and teeth
And brain damage permanently
His life changed forever
On this day forgotten by none
Rodney king
beaten
March 3, 1991

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Did you hear of the boy who lost his
Because he was walking a little too suspicious
That arizona watermelon drink looked
A little too close to being a gun
And the skittles ammunition
A 7/11 run is way to risky
When youre 5'11
And black
The scales of life and death
Become a little bit shifty

Just ask Trevon Martin
Who was 17
uncertain of life
If only he knew
his last day would be
February 26, 2012
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Did you hear of the man who lost his
Because apparently the accusation
Of him selling single cigarettes from packs
Without a tax stamp
Is punishable by death
They slung their arms around his neck
And stole his breath
"I can't breathe, I can't breathe"
He struggled to say
Until he fell limp and weak
Eric garner
His death
July 17, 2014

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Did you hear of the boy who lost his
Because playing with a toy gun
is far to dangerous
A threat to those who have real ones
Who intend to use them
On a 12 year old boy
Barely a teen
Tamir rice
November 22, 2014

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Did you hear of the man who lost his?

After his attempt to use \$20 presented itself as counterfeit.
They say money is the root of all evil,
Is it because it only seems to affect black people
The average person cannot breathe without three minutes of air,
They must have considered him a super human, or to a human, they didn't even compare.
On his neck they kneeled for 8 minutes, and at 9 they finished their business,
This black life lost is one of plenty
George Floyd was murder,
May 25, 2020

To all my black boys
I fear for your future
Because it seems the justice system
Is a crooked, unruly structure
The demons within it
Trying to cut short your future
While you stand in your present
Wondering
If the next police shooter
Will be standing in front of you