

Within

Killed for the color of their skin
Rather than honored for their character within
The sadness of it all makes my stomach spin
They lost their lives, names you may not know
Too many to forget, too many to show

We start off with Ahmaud Arbery
Jogging in the neighborhood
His skin color threw his killers off
And they determined he was no good
This man was perfectly innocent
His skin color was their motive
“Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”
I agree, Dr. King. Are you disappointed?

We move on to our next victim
Of the ridiculousness that is racism
Her name is Breonna Taylor
This disgusting world, my goodness, how we failed her
Her ex-boyfriend accused of a crime
Police shoot blindly, bullets hitting her five times
After this crazy incident, she dies
Even though she was innocent. It makes me cry.

We move on to the third person
His death was not painless, in fact, he was hurting
9 and a half minutes, a knee on his neck

He died at the scene, and now he has left
The name of this man was George Floyd
How accusations can leave a person destroyed
Chauvin did not think about the spirit he was breaking
Nor did it dawn upon him the life he was taking

Final victim, we have Tamir Rice
A 12-year-old boy perceived not to be nice
Holding a toy gun in his hands
But since he was dark-skinned, he did not have a chance
To explain or to speak, and in less than 2 seconds
The shots were fired, the officer thought he learned his lesson
Little did he know there was no lesson to be learned
Another life lost; a community concerned

These three are among many
Their killers thought their value was less than a penny
And all because of the color of their skin
Do we realize the world we are living in?
Do we realize what is happening within
This very Earth we take shelter in?

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