

Freedom by Nina Veazey

“One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.”

I hear on the intercom the voice of America,  
Pledging to a flag woven with contradictions  
Under God, yet we have freedom of religion  
Indivisible, yet we are politically divided  
Liberty and Justice for all, yet  
When we oppress everyone, we oppress ourselves.<sup>1</sup>

Sometimes quiet is violent<sup>2</sup>

If we stay silent what will change?  
I'm an American, born from the land of the free.  
We have the power to help those in chains.  
Turn on your megaphone, take to the streets,  
We much touch souls, tune hearts, harmonize the people.<sup>3</sup>

I wear my heart on the sleeve<sup>4</sup> of a red white and blue jacket,  
It beats to the rhythm of freedom.

Take this music and use it<sup>5</sup>  
to take the evil out of people<sup>6</sup>  
Even those who lock a chained nation.  
And they wonder how we'll raise our children,  
We'll raise them to know the principles of this country:  
Life,  
Liberty,  
And the Pursuit of happiness.

Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole round world to hear.<sup>7</sup>

We will teach them that you people can't control us<sup>8</sup>  
We have freedom on our side.  
There was a riot on the streets<sup>9</sup>  
But that won't stop me from marching  
Across this land we call equal,  
Despite its' mountains and rivers.  
When fighting in a country built on fake news,

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<sup>1</sup> Wednesday Morning by Macklemore

<sup>2</sup> Car Radio by Twenty One Pilots

<sup>3</sup> Never Let Go by Wu Tang Clan

<sup>4</sup> New Slaves by Kanye West

<sup>5</sup> Hope by Twista

<sup>6</sup> Changes by Tupac

<sup>7</sup> I Wish I Knew How it Felt to be Free by Nina Simone

<sup>8</sup> New Slaves by Kanye West

<sup>9</sup> April 29, 1992 by Sublime



Never let go of your mind, it's a terrible thing to waste<sup>10</sup>  
America waves our flag as a symbol of resistance,  
I'm not moving to Canada, not fleeing the nation<sup>11</sup>  
I'll fight till I can proudly say the Pledge of Allegiance.  
You may say that I am a dreamer, but I'm not the only one<sup>12</sup>  
One day our flag will be woven with love, pride and truth.

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<sup>10</sup> Never Let Go by Wu-Tang Clan

<sup>11</sup> Wednesday Morning by Macklemore

<sup>12</sup> Imagine by John Lennon



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## **A Brotherhood of Man**

*I see the blood on the leaves<sup>1</sup>*

And the forgotten souls in the rocks

Of the people who couldn't pay freedom's fees

And from whom we put in a box

When did we forget that we are all

*A brotherhood of man<sup>2</sup>*

And when did we start to ignore our brothers' and sisters' call

To be granted the right to do everything we can

We, the white

The privileged

We fight

Against ourselves, against our people, against what's different; we've pillaged

*Madness is what [we] demonstrate<sup>3</sup>*

And we demonstrate madness

In this cycle of hate

We are groundless

*We teach fear and preach hatred<sup>4</sup>*

All we can see is skin

Afraid, we degrade

We've forgotten our kin

Most are too scared to speak out, so we stay quiet

*Sometimes quiet is violent<sup>5</sup>*

We listen to the lies the hateful preach; we buy it

But this is too important to just stay silent

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<sup>1</sup> "New Slaves" by Kanye West

<sup>2</sup> "Imagine" by John Lennon

<sup>3</sup> "Where is the Love?" by The Black Eyed Peas

<sup>4</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

<sup>5</sup> "Car Radio" by Twenty One Pilots



*I'm afraid of man*<sup>6</sup>

Of this pattern we follow  
Of seeing others as less than  
We've become so hollow

But we can stand up, one by one, day by day  
*Just as long as they can hear us*<sup>7</sup>  
*I know it ain't easy but that's okay*<sup>8</sup>  
When it comes to human rights, what's there to discuss?

It's time to light the fuse  
*Escape this holocaust*<sup>9</sup>  
There's no excuse  
Let's reclaim what we've lost

*Remove all the bars*<sup>10</sup>  
It's the only way to  
Take what's ours

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<sup>6</sup> "Savages" by Marina and the Diamonds

<sup>7</sup> "See My Tears" by Machine Gun Kelly

<sup>8</sup> "Hope" by Twista

<sup>9</sup> "Sarajevo" by Watsky

<sup>10</sup> "I Wish I Knew How It Felt to Be Free" by Nina Simone





### Changes

It just aint changing , old ways are still the same  
I see no changes all I see is racist faces<sup>1</sup>  
We only got one world.  
Above us only one sky

Another day, another tale of rape <sup>2</sup>  
Showing the world has never changed  
You sittin home watchin your TV<sup>3</sup>  
Seeing how there is no change

Who is there to blame  
There's a storm blowing in and it can't be tame  
Let's take a moment to stand and observe the Hell we live in<sup>4</sup>  
Still no changes

Remove all the bars that keeps us apart<sup>5</sup>  
Pulling down on this art  
While tears fall  
Now, all we can do is stand tall

Imagine all the people<sup>6</sup>  
Wanting, waiting for a change  
Father, father help us<sup>7</sup>  
We need your guidance

I see blood on the leaves<sup>8</sup>  
And nasty thieves  
And I'm still laced up, tell the world ain't nothing changed<sup>9</sup>  
What can we do.

We stand hand and hand  
To never let go.  
Waking up to the same thing

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<sup>1</sup> "Changes"

<sup>2</sup> "Savages"

<sup>3</sup> "April 29th"

<sup>4</sup> "Freedom Freestyle"

<sup>5</sup> "I wish I know how it felt to be free"

<sup>6</sup> "Imagine"

<sup>7</sup> "Where is the Love"

<sup>8</sup> "New Slaves"

<sup>9</sup> "See My Tears"



Flag wavin, flag wavin' at a patriots house<sup>10</sup>  
The only thing that hasn't changed

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<sup>10</sup> "Wednesday Morning"



*A brotherhood of man*<sup>1</sup>  
*We gotta make a change*<sup>2</sup>  
*Police and thieves in the streets*<sup>3</sup>  
*Scaring the nation with their guns and ammunition*<sup>4</sup>  
*Can't we all live life in peace?*<sup>5</sup>

*Fascist state, no freedom*<sup>6</sup>  
*The caged bird sings*<sup>7</sup>  
*But I'm not the only one*<sup>8</sup>  
*I just wanna be free!*<sup>9</sup>  
*his wings are clipped and*<sup>10</sup>  
*his feet are tied*<sup>11</sup>  
*The free bird thinks of another breeze*<sup>12</sup>

*Those who have the gold make the rules*<sup>13</sup>  
*Those who are under use the tools*<sup>14</sup>  
*The caged bird sings*<sup>15</sup>  
*sings of freedom*<sup>16</sup>  
*No matter what you're fighting for I promise that it'll live on*<sup>17</sup>  
*And the world will live as one*<sup>18</sup>

*Follow your American dream*<sup>19</sup>  
*Be the caged bird that sings*<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Imagine" Elton John

<sup>2</sup> "Changes" Tupac

<sup>3</sup> "Police and Thieves" Junior Murvin

<sup>4</sup> "Police and Thieves" Junior Murvin

<sup>5</sup> Ethan Burkley

<sup>6</sup> "Everybody" Logic

<sup>7</sup> "Caged Bird" Maya Angelou

<sup>8</sup> "Imagine" Elton John

<sup>9</sup> "Two Sided Politics" Suicidal Tendencies

<sup>10</sup> "Caged Bird" Maya Angelou

<sup>11</sup> "Caged Bird" Maya Angelou

<sup>12</sup> "Caged Bird" Maya Angelou

<sup>13</sup> "Pretend" R. Miranda

<sup>14</sup> Ethan Burkley

<sup>15</sup> "Caged Bird" Maya Angelou

<sup>16</sup> Ethan Burkely

<sup>17</sup> "America" Logic

<sup>18</sup> "Imagine" Elton John

<sup>19</sup> Ethan Burkely

<sup>20</sup> Ethan Burkley



Heaven Won't Fix Us

*I wish I could teach a soul to fly<sup>1</sup>*

*I wish I could say all the things I should say<sup>2</sup>*

*I wish I could erase that<sup>3</sup>*

*I still see no changes<sup>4</sup>*

*We must touch hearts, tune souls, harmonize people<sup>5</sup>*

But sadly it isn't that simple

*People fill with fire, exhale desire<sup>6</sup>*

And sadly that isn't enough

Maybe all we need is *a little taste of heaven,*

*Why are there pieces of love that don't belong?<sup>7</sup>*

Maybe this time *imagine there's no heaven<sup>8</sup>*

Is it better that way?

*The world will live as one*

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<sup>1</sup> "Hope" by Twista

<sup>2</sup> "I Wish I Knew How it Felt to be Free" by Nina Simone

<sup>3</sup> "Everybody" by Logic

<sup>4</sup> "Changes" by Tupac

<sup>5</sup> "Never Let Go" by Wu-Tang Clan

<sup>6</sup> "Car Radio" by Twenty One Pilots

<sup>7</sup> "Where is the Love" by the Black Eyed Peas

<sup>8</sup> "Imagine" by John Lennon





*Rain, in the rain*

Even after we wash away

*Will the world be the same?*<sup>9</sup>

Sometimes all we need are *brown eyes that understand*<sup>10</sup>

*Truth is in us all, cradle to the grave*<sup>11</sup>

*How could we expect anything at all?*

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<sup>9</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

<sup>10</sup> "Sarajevo" by George Watsky

<sup>11</sup> "Savages" by Mariana and the Diamonds



## Hypocrisy

Imagine all the people living for today<sup>1</sup>  
Touching hearts, tuning souls<sup>2</sup>  
choosing love over hate  
Equalization over segregation.  
No longer questioning  
Where's the love? <sup>3</sup>  
(Cause love is all we have) <sup>4</sup>  
And instead of fearing diversity  
we'll embrace it.

We need a change.

But I see no changes, all I see is racist faces. <sup>5</sup>  
I'm not afraid of monsters, I'm afraid man <sup>6</sup>  
Man who fears the color of skin,  
And the "man" who alleviates his fear  
By calling that color a sin.

We talk of progress,  
Yet I'm still marching in the street  
Fighting for protection  
of my very own body  
A constant battle  
Against the rich, white men  
Who use religion as an excuse  
To up their pension.

And this time there's no sound to hide behind <sup>7</sup>  
Except the ringing in our ears from illegal gunfire--  
Not shot by the black boy walking down the street,  
But by the officer who still has the privilege  
Of going home to his family to eat  
Dinner, and then go to bed.

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<sup>1</sup> "Imagine" John Lennon

<sup>2</sup> "Never Let Go" Wu-Tang Clan

<sup>3</sup> "Where's the Love" Black Eyed Peas

<sup>4</sup> "Sarajevo" Watsky

<sup>5</sup> "Change" Tupac

<sup>6</sup> "Savages" Marina and the Diamonds

<sup>7</sup> "Car Radio" Twenty One Pilots



He was hired to protect;  
Not put a bullet in that boy's head.

So what defines America? You tell me.

From the way we came, then grew, and now prosper,  
We've been eating off the backs of minorities  
Ever since we got the offer.  
Somehow still finding ways to victimize ourselves:  
"White Lives Matter", "All Lives Matter"  
It's *all* built off lies,  
And the bones of the new slaves<sup>8</sup>  
The bones of the poor us<sup>9</sup>  
Not the bones of the brave.

The reason they kneel,  
The reason I march  
Is because we say we've progressed,  
But corporations like ALEC  
Still run the government.  
"The Land of the Free"?  
Stop kidding yourself.  
When we oppress anyone,  
we oppress ourselves.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> "New Slaves" Kanye West

<sup>9</sup> "Freedom Freestyle" Joe Budden

<sup>10</sup> "Wednesday Morning" Macklemore



Wake Up

But if you only have love for your own race  
*Then you only leave space to discriminate*<sup>1</sup>  
*I'm not blind to the cycle*<sup>2</sup>  
Am I just your jailbait?

*Let's take a moment to stand and observe the Hell we live in*<sup>3</sup>  
What did I do to deserve this oppression?  
*All the chains holding me*<sup>4</sup>  
I wish I knew what it meant to be free

*I wish that we only saw good news every time we look at CNN*<sup>5</sup>  
But that's not a possibility  
*I'm not moving to Canada, not fleeing the nation*<sup>6</sup>  
I'm upset but need to face reality

*Starin' at the wall waitin' for a change*<sup>7</sup>  
But that ignorance is lethal<sup>8</sup>  
*I see no change all I see is racist faces*<sup>9</sup>  
We must rise up to defeat this evil

Discrimination runs rampant  
*It's not in the paper it's on the wall*<sup>10</sup>  
Teach the people a lesson  
They can't suppress us all

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<sup>1</sup> Where is The Love - The Black Eyed Peas

<sup>2</sup> Sarajevo - Watsky

<sup>3</sup> Freedom Freestyle - Joe Budden

<sup>4</sup> I Wish I Knew How it Felt to be Free - Nina Simone

<sup>5</sup> Hope - Natasha Bedingfield

<sup>6</sup> Wednesday Morning - Macklemore

<sup>7</sup> See My Tears - Machine Gun Kelly

<sup>8</sup> Never Let Go - Wu-Tang Clan

<sup>9</sup> Changes - 2Pac

<sup>10</sup> April 29th, 1992 (Miami) - Sublime





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### Corruption of America

*In the USA, the KKK, the Cops, and the big CIA,<sup>1</sup>*

*Filling up jails and prisons, that's a business.<sup>2</sup>*

*Working for the clampdown<sup>3</sup>, capitalist corporate USA.*

*The goal is to make money, not to spread the wealth;*

*Instead of war on poverty they got a war on drugs.<sup>4</sup>*

*Police and thieves<sup>5</sup> and riots on streets,<sup>6</sup>*

*Making more violence instead of keeping the peace.*

*Fighting the nation with their guns and Ammunition,<sup>7</sup>*

*And people screaming 1-8-9 on a cop;<sup>8</sup>*

*Making more anarchy instead of peace and prosperity.*

*Should we have to be afraid in the home of the Brave?<sup>9</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

<sup>2</sup> "Freedom Freestyle" by Joe Budden

<sup>3</sup> "The Clampdown" by The Clash

<sup>4</sup> "Changes" by 2Pac

<sup>5</sup> "Police and Thieves" by The Clash

<sup>6</sup> "April 29th, 1992 (Miami)" by Sublime

<sup>7</sup> "Police and Thieves" by The Clash

<sup>8</sup> "April 29th, 1992 (Miami)" by Sublime

<sup>9</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore



No, we should *fight for the first amendment, fight for freedom of choice*,<sup>10</sup>

Or be a slave to what the system craves?

And be *looking for change sitting on the couch*,<sup>11</sup>

No we should fight for less laws that fill the prisons.

Change is needed for for Freedom,

And freedom is needed for change.

The system should help, not be oppressive,

And not be a *Diseased Capital, in need of capital*.<sup>12</sup>

If only we could ALL know *how it feels to be free*.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid

<sup>11</sup> Ibid

<sup>12</sup> Freedom Freestyle” by Joe Budden

<sup>13</sup> “I Wish I Knew How it Felt to be Free” by Nina Simone



Can You Dream of Peace?

*Let's take a moment to stand and observe the Hell we live in<sup>1</sup>*

Corrupted by racism

What is this society we're forced to be living in

*Clean water was only served to the fairer skin<sup>2</sup>*

The past hasn't changed

*Like my great granddaddy didn't take a whip to the back<sup>3</sup>*

*I know that we the new slaves<sup>4</sup>*

Stuck here in the old ways

*I ponder of something great<sup>5</sup>*

Somewhere in a world where we don't discriminate

*It's time for us as a people to start makin' some changes<sup>6</sup>*

To stop all the hate and underpaid wages

*You see the old way wasn't working so it's on us to do<sup>7</sup>*

Let's forget this society and create something new

*You may say I'm a dreamer*

*But I'm not the only one<sup>8</sup>*

*We will never break, though they devastate, we shall motivate<sup>9</sup>*

Crashing down our culture, standing on their riches

*When they build walls, we'll build bridges<sup>10</sup>*

*Same souls, both sides of the banks<sup>11</sup>*

Connecting the races

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<sup>1</sup> "Freedom Freestyle" Joe Budden

<sup>2</sup> "New Slaves" Kanye West

<sup>3</sup> "Everybody" Logic

<sup>4</sup> "New Slaves" Kanye West

<sup>5</sup> "Car Radio" Twenty One Pilots

<sup>6</sup> "Changes" Tupac

<sup>7</sup> "Changes" Tupac

<sup>8</sup> "Imagine" John Lennon

<sup>9</sup> "Hope" Twista

<sup>10</sup> "Wednesday Morning" Macklemore

<sup>11</sup> "Sarajevo" George Watsky



Sharing the same places  
Once you realize we all have the same faces  
*Then you'd see and agree*  
*That every man should be free*<sup>12</sup>  
Go spread this  
And we'll all live in harmony

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<sup>12</sup> "I Wish I Knew How it Felt to be Free" Nina Simone





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*The Land of the "Great"*

America is the land of the great  
It's the dream  
But maybe not of late  
There's some that might scream

Of all the horrors and fears  
That are often covered up  
Over the years

*Will my daughter be afraid in the home of the brave?<sup>1</sup>*

Addiction  
Poverty  
Conviction  
Discrimination

*Instead of War on Poverty they got war on drugs<sup>2</sup>*

We stand around and watch  
Only to judge those  
Addicted to scotch  
There's also  
Isn't it ironic

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<sup>1</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Mackelmore

<sup>2</sup> "Changes" by Tupac

Our country built on equality  
Only to be bitter and separate  
Where's the quality?  
*Where is the love?*<sup>3</sup>

*All the power's in the hands  
Of people rich enough to buy it*<sup>4</sup>

*Humanity is a privilege, we can't give in  
When they build walls, we'll build bridges  
This is resistance, we're resilient*<sup>5</sup>

*I wish you could know  
What it means to be me  
Then you'd see and agree  
That every man should be free*<sup>6</sup>

*But I Know we got a love that's truer  
than a military snipers aim*<sup>7</sup>

You see the problem  
We don't realize is:  
Only pointing out the good  
Only greatens the bad

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<sup>3</sup> "Where is the Love?" by Black Eyed Peas

<sup>4</sup> "White Riot" by The Clash

<sup>5</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

<sup>6</sup> "I Wish I knew How It Felt to be Free" by Nina Simone

<sup>7</sup> "Sarajevo" by George Watsky

*You can see it on the news  
You can watch in on Tv  
You can read it on your phone<sup>8</sup>*

*And all the crowd comes in, day by day  
No one stops in any way<sup>9</sup>*

*Let's take a moment to stand and observe the Hell we live in  
No matter how high the fire it never melts the system<sup>10</sup>  
Dirty politics never become clean<sup>11</sup>*

If only we would try  
To fix the problems  
Instead of hiding behind a lie  
Then the great America

Would truly be great  
Don't fear  
It's not too late.

To remove the war and hate.

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<sup>8</sup> "Sarajevo" by George Watsky

<sup>9</sup> "Police and Thieves" by The Clash

<sup>10</sup> "Freedom Freestyle" by Joe Budden

<sup>11</sup> "America" by Logic



Open Up

I wish we could see the world through the eyes of Stevie Wonder,<sup>1</sup>  
No color, no religion, no sex, no sunder.  
It's a Mad world<sup>2</sup> out there.  
death, war, crime.  
all that's on our TV screen.<sup>3</sup>  
I wonder how we'll raise our children,<sup>4</sup>  
I wonder what they'll see in me.

Will my daughter call me a villain?<sup>5</sup>  
Will my daughter feel safe?  
Will my daughter be afraid in the home of the brave?<sup>6</sup>  
I see no changes,<sup>7</sup>  
I see no progress.

"Misplaced hate makes disgrace."<sup>8</sup>  
"When we oppress anyone, we oppress ourselves."<sup>9</sup>  
All these things we preach to others  
But don't tell ourselves.

We need to open up our doors,  
Open up our hearts.  
Open up the cells,  
Open up the walls.

Hate isn't born, it's taught.  
All this hate coming out of a generation, who got everything<sup>10</sup>  
Imagine the lives we would live,  
The lives we would change  
If we just opened up.

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<sup>1</sup> "Hope" by Twista

<sup>2</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> "Sarajevo" by George Watsky

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

<sup>7</sup> "Changes" by Tupac

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

<sup>10</sup> "Savages" Marina and The Diamonds



## Are we really "American"?

Stereotypes as far as you can see  
Genuine smiles on your neighbors?  
Ha, few and far between

### The mask that has the smile

The mask most commonly seen

### The others come and go<sup>1</sup>

Who will intervene?

### Beaten and mistreated<sup>2</sup>

We hide from what we know  
The amounts of effort depleted  
Shame to see it go

We live with what we face  
Nothing's guaranteed  
You get what you can take  
Taking everything for one's own greed!<sup>3</sup>

I'm an American  
I'll never let [that] go<sup>4</sup>  
While not all of us are arrogant  
everybody know how it go<sup>5</sup>

### I wish I could give<sup>6</sup>

All that I have  
To prove to you  
Americans ain't so bad

### I wish the way I was living could stop<sup>7</sup>

Instead of sitting high up on a throne  
And fearing the things unknown<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Pretend by R. Miranda

<sup>2</sup> The Negro Mother by Langston Hughes

<sup>3</sup> Let America Be America Again by Langston Hughes

<sup>4</sup> Never Let Go by Wu-Tang Clan

<sup>5</sup> Everybody by Logic

<sup>6</sup> I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free by Nina Simone

<sup>7</sup> Hope (Twista) by Faith Evans

<sup>8</sup> Caged Bird by Maya Angelou





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## Are we really "American"?

We'd love with all we got

Americans, yay!

although it seems heaven-sent<sup>9</sup>

Innocent, never guilty<sup>10</sup>

We're all full of discontent

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<sup>9</sup> Changes by 2Pac

<sup>10</sup> Two-Sided Politics by Suicidal Tendencies



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Lost hope

Those Twin Towers stricken down  
Yet, we fought till our lungs drown  
But the *new days are strange*<sup>1</sup>  
Our passion fading

We've sat *at the light so long*<sup>2</sup>  
All ideas gone  
*Where is the love?*<sup>3</sup>

*All I see is racist faces*<sup>4</sup>  
And *all the hate coming from generations*<sup>5</sup>  
In a marry-go-round of segregation

*It's getting harder, and harder, and harder each and every year*<sup>6</sup>  
*Nobody gives a shit for broken mirrors*<sup>7</sup>  
*I'm not blind to that cycle*<sup>8</sup>

What will our kids say?  
What will their kids say?  
What if they have nothing to say?

*We gotta make a change*<sup>9</sup>  
*No more nations droppin' bombs*<sup>10</sup>  
*No more tears and no complainin'*<sup>11</sup>  
No more losing hope

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<sup>1</sup> "Where is the love?" by Black Eyed Peas

<sup>2</sup> "Hope" by Twista

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<sup>11</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore



For I am in the USA

*My honesty, my values, my loyalty, my pride*<sup>1</sup>  
*I have these thoughts, so often I ought*<sup>2</sup>  
Why did they fight for my beautiful walks and,  
*That every man should be free.*<sup>3</sup>

For we love the freedom we have,  
*No one stop it in anyway.*<sup>4</sup>  
*In the USA, the big CIA*<sup>5</sup>

They look and they think  
*That's just the way it is,*<sup>6</sup>  
To be livin' the American life.

*I'm not moving to Canada, not fleeing the nation.*<sup>7</sup>  
For I am loyal to this freedom  
That I have been given

*Busted out, and it's like a free for all here,*<sup>8</sup>  
For it's okay  
Because I am in the USA

*It's been going on for years, there's plenty more*<sup>9</sup>  
Thanks to the fighters,  
We get nights by the fires  
*And not a fearful dread.*<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Never Let Go" by Wu-Tang Clan

<sup>2</sup> "Car Radio" by Twenty One Pilots

<sup>3</sup> "I Wish I Knew How it Felt to be Free" by Nina Simone

<sup>4</sup> "Police and Thieves" by The Clash

<sup>5</sup> "What is Love" by Black Eyed Peas

<sup>6</sup> "Changes" by Tupac

<sup>7</sup> "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

<sup>8</sup> "April 29th, 1992" by Subline

<sup>9</sup> "I Wonder if Heaven Got a Ghetto" by 2pac

<sup>10</sup> "Pretend" by R. Miranda



## Human Traits

Let's take a moment to stand and observe the Hell we live in,<sup>1</sup>  
Take a look, try to see what we became in the end  
It's getting harder, and harder, and harder each and every year<sup>2</sup>  
To keep carrying on through all of our fears

I see no changes wake up in the morning and I ask myself<sup>3</sup>  
Is this really a world that we can still try to help?  
I think the whole world addicted to the drama  
Only attracted to things that'll bring you trauma<sup>4</sup>

At the end of the day  
It's a human trait  
Hidden deep down inside of our DNA<sup>5</sup>  
Mad world, mad world, that's what the TV say<sup>6</sup>

From genesis to revelation<sup>7</sup>  
All the products of our creation  
Were mainly used for destruction,  
Rather than for preservation.

I find over the course of our human existence  
One thing consists of consistence<sup>8</sup>  
But I know what I feel, and I know when it's real<sup>9</sup>  
And I know most of all, that we have a chance to heal.

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<sup>1</sup> Freedom Freestyle by Joe Budden

<sup>2</sup> April 26, 1992 by Sublime

<sup>3</sup> Changes by Tupac

<sup>4</sup> Where is the Love? By The Black Eyed Peas

<sup>5</sup> Savages by Marina and the Diamonds

<sup>6</sup> Wednesday Morning by Macklemore

<sup>7</sup> Police and Thieves by The Clash

<sup>8</sup> Car Radio by Twenty One Pilots

<sup>9</sup> Sarajevo by Watsky

Look man, I done been through it all, and I'ma damned if I got this far  
And if I let them strip me of this message let these haters take my heart<sup>10</sup>  
We can make this right,  
The end may be in sight,  
But if we hold on tight,  
We can make it till the end of the night.

It's time for us as a people to start makin' some change<sup>11</sup>  
As a people, our morals need to be rearranged  
Whatever happened to the values of humanity?  
Whatever happened to the fairness in equality?<sup>12</sup>

We still have time, we can make this better  
Who says our injustice has to be the trendsetter?  
We gotta move straight forward, 'cause we fight so strong,  
Just say a little prayer, get ya money man, life go on!<sup>13</sup>

Greatest gift I ever learned is helpin' someone else<sup>14</sup>  
So stop and take a second to think of something other than yourself  
I hope someday you'll join us and the world will be as one<sup>15</sup>  
So we can all enjoy the many beauties of freedom.

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<sup>10</sup> See my Tears by Machine Gun Kelly

<sup>11</sup> Changes by Tupac

<sup>12</sup> Where is the Love? By The Black Eyed Peas

<sup>13</sup> Hope by Twista

<sup>14</sup> Wednesday Morning by Macklemore

<sup>15</sup> Imagine by John Lennon