

Say Their Names

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We begin this week with so much emotion and unrest all across the country.
No justice, no peace.

We want everybody to see this, yeah
Standin' together, no more secrets, yeah
Lift every voice and we won't quit, yeah
No justice, no peace, defeat, now we
Stand with [?]

Who we got to protect and serve our women and our children?
Put in public housing, ain't no privilege in them buildings
It's a one in a million chance for my skin tone to make a million
The pain that we endure, they can't ignore 'cause they gon' feel it
Fuck your feelings

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I matter (they matter)
I matter (I matter)
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I matter

We need change, we need somethin'
They killin' us out in public
They talk about it in media
But still ain't brought us justice
We opened up the discussion
Haters steadily floodin'
We protest until they sentence
The officers that have done it

Okay
Black man gettin' money, yeah they hate to see me winnin', yeah
They killin' off my people but get mad when we get sick of it
Them niggas are villainous, only after us 'cause they envious
A black king, tell the other side they ain't endin' us

For George Floyd, we at they neck literally
For Ahmaud Arbery, we gon' jog they memory
For Brianna, we gon' do this tailor-made
For the world, we gon' make 'em say our names

Why are people so intimidated by black men?
Please don't tell me that you have black friends
Police out here feelin' they invincible
Do killings that's convictable
Keep gettin' away with murder 'cause they can, it's despicable

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This is a coordinated activity happening across this nation. And so we are in a state of emergency. Black people are dying. In a state of emergency.

This is not a drill
They think their skin is the right to kill
They'll uphold human rights
So human life [?] to steal
They bein' ruthless, actin' stupid so let's start the dumbing
George called for his mom
You gotta know his brothers and sisters comin'

We've no choice but bein' independent
If you can't see how it really be
Take a moment and feel some empathy and sing with me

Enough is enough. And we are not responsible for the mental illness that has been inflicted upon our people by the American government, institutions, and those people who are in positions of power. I don't give a damn if they burn down Target. Because Target should be on the streets with us.