

Take Your Knee Off My Neck

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Take your knee off my neck
Because I can't breathe, no
How would you like it if it was done to you?
God created us too, yes he did
Enough is enough
With all of this police brutality, yes it is
So stop killing our sons and daughters
Suck hatred and bigotry, ooh yeah
Black lives

(Black lives) you know it
(Black lives) black lives
(Black lives matter) black lives matter
Yes, we do
(Black lives) black lives
(Black lives) black lives
Black lives matter

You're gonna reap what you've sown
And it won't be very long, I know it won't
Black people are hurting (hurting)
Because you treated us so wrong, yes you have
Black beautiful people, yeah, uh
Hold your head up high, hold it up high
Don't be ashamed, uh
Don't be ashamed of who you are
(Never be ashamed of who you are
Never be ashamed)

(Black lives) black lives, black lives
(Black lives) black lives
(Black lives matter) black lives matter
(Black lives) you'll learn boy
(Black lives) black lives
We matter, right
Now listen, listen, listen

When I think about all of the stuff that's going on
In our country
We're dealing with COVID-19
We're dealing with unjustness
We're dealing with police brutality
When I think about
How we had a lynching in broad daylight
With George Floyd
Shame on you (shame on you)
Oh, we got Trayvon Martin
We got Michael Brown
Why would you treat us like that?
We got Oscar Grant
Then we got Tamir Rice
Breonna Taylor, that's a girl y'all
Why, policeman, would you do it?
We got Sandra Bland
And this is just (black lives matter)
A few of the name, you matter
They matter (black lives matter)

We matter, you matter
Oh, leave us alone (black lives matter)
Well well, well well
We matter, we matter (black lives matter)
We matter