

Just Us

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Ever since we were in kindergarten
We were taught to recite, with our hands over our heart
That there would be liberty and justice for all
And here we are as adults, and we can't find where is the justice

Justice means there is fairness
James Baldwin said for you to be black and conscious
You have to have a level of rage
Why is it not fair?

Why is it not fair that we can't jog without being killed?
Why is it not fair that you can be in your bed in Louisville, Kentucky
And be killed like Breonna Taylor?

Why is it not fair that Eric Garner screamed out that he could not breathe?
Why is it not fair that Rodney King was beaten over and over again?
Why is it not fair that we found Freddie Gray killed under police custody?
It's still not fair

And because we are believers
We're not waiting on the White House
We're not waiting on the Governor
We're not waiting on the Mayor

God today, we're not asking for fairness
We're asking for favor
Because favor is a disadvantage when everybody else wants it to be fair
We understand that we can't apologize for the favor of God
The favor of God is never fair

That's why you live the way you live
Drive the way you drive
Eat the way you eat
They didn't want it to be fair
But I thank God for His favor

And because of His favor
We shall overcome
Not someday, but today

And those of you that want the favor of God
Because life is unfair

Open up your mouth like you will overcome