

## **EXECUTION**

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### **Stability**

*Just don't give up what you're trying to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong. – Ella Fitzgerald*

Coming across chaos  
Trying to bridge a divide  
The intent was in the right place  
Just not their state of mind  
Blue and red lights in these neighborhoods weren't new  
"Control these communities boys"  
But who will control you?

### **Interaction**

*You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it. – Malcolm X*

Black ink stands out on white paper  
And as 1970's streets of Detroit were patrolled  
The ink stood out and  
Nothing else.  
Blind to the black blood they so carelessly shed  
Detroit Police's Beat Commander Team saw stereotypes instead of statistics  
And ruin instead of redemption

### **Communication**

*It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences. – Audre Lorde*

Distance of development divided Detroit  
And instead of understanding  
Black communities received gun point  
Mouse like fear in the face of these lions  
On a hunt of pure play  
Only worsening the violence  
'Protect and serve' is no longer our association  
All that was needed-  
Some communication.

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