

## **Let Our Justice System Be Just Again**

By Brittany Brooks

Let our justice system be *just* again.  
Let it remind America of its core value of equality.  
Let the eyes not wash over the sins of color  
But bring the union of all wo/men.

(Our justice system has never been *just* to me).

Let our justice system bring the same opportunities,  
For everyone to live the “American Dream”.  
Let the one’s responsible for enforcing the law,  
Remember “to protect and to serve.”

(The motto “to protect and to serve” has meant nothing to me).

O, let us not forget the history of it all,  
Of the ones who are meant to enforce the law.  
“Night watchers” who cloaked themselves with prejudice pride  
To capture the unjustly enslaved.

(Our justice system has never been just between the black and the blue).

The blue bleeds with the remnants of the black,  
And the lives of the black bleed from the actions of the blue.  
The deadly mentality of the of the one who deems superiority  
Has laid weight for the forgery of a faux dollar bill

Let our mouths fill with the knowledge of injustice  
Spill it over the table of the privileged.  
Let them see the man of the mocked fighting to take his last breaths.  
Let them hear his gasps and outcry for his birther.

Let them see what our *just* justice system has turned into.

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