

## **Police Took an Oath**

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Police took an oath to protect and serve  
But kept a promise to do what they feel  
Trained to abuse. Trained to kill.  
Don't think of the lives they ruin  
Don't care about people's rights  
Eight minutes and 46 seconds on his neck tight  
The only time they kneel is to take a life  
Their only concern is to protect each other  
Shooting my sisters and brothers without a thought of their mothers  
Hearing our cries for justice as rage  
Making more excuses as to why their guns are aimed  
Why is your gun still aimed, sir?

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