

Stuck In The Past That We Call The Future

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WE THOUGHT we were released from bondage and given freedom of life. No more whips, beatings and fearing for our lives at night

WE THOUGHT the disgusting words actions and affect slavery would have upon us would finally disappear. Even though we aren't physically in chains we still wake up like how are we still here?

2019 2020 2021, it's still the same, oh you want me to go back to 1965, 1970 and 1985 repeated trauma and history is all we have gained.

All we have seen is hurt, harm and danger to one that looks like me and you.

Separate but equal they said, I guess that's the least "THEY" could do. Not allowing us to take a sit, sip or dip at our own leisure was

We have protested at diners and marched too, you killed Martin Luther King, Malcom X and Emmett Till Too.. I would continue the list of many more, but then you would be stuck in the past along with us too!

I can't forget Prince Jones, a young man who did not get to see his wife or home! Leaving his mom, child family and friends with a empty heart and home.

Sixteen times he was shot to death, not given a chance to explain or call for help, not even a warning just action, Prince is not even here to tell us what really happened.

Sparkling him up like the lighting in the sky, God why do you let them do this to us in person and in disguise!

We THOUGHT that they would have a heart and let up a bit, but they said the jokes on you we are just getting started.

Years and Years go by and it's the same ol situation, A black man or woman is taken away from its own.

Prince Didn't deserve this nor did anyone else, **Stuck in The Past** is all we can say and continue to cry for help!!

We THOUGHT That we would stop dying and change the narrative a bit, but being Stuck in the Past just continues to stick! This is America and what we call our Future when are we going to realize!

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