

When a Black Man Kills Another Black Man
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A father and mother lose a son, a brother and sister lose a brother,
A wife loses a husband, a son and daughter lose a father,
An uncle and aunt lose a nephew, a nephew and niece lose an uncle,
A grandfather and grandmother lose a grandson,
A community of Afrikan people lose a comrade,
A young Black mother must raise children alone.

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Willie Lynch turns cartwheels in his grave.
Grand Wizards of the KKK open bottles of champagne.
Private prison owners light up cigars,
And U.S. Congress men and women pass tougher laws on crime
to keep Afrikans trapped behind bars.
Uncle Sam pats himself on the back
in celebration of the Black on Black assassination,
and fifty new prisons are built to further
the devastation of a battered nation.

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Screams from heart-broken Afrikan women surge,
A rainstorm of tears from impoverished Afrikan children emerge,
The grave of liberator comrade little Jonathan Jackson is disturbed,
And the sacrifices of Jemmy (Stono rebellion - 9-9-1739), Nat Turner
(8-21-1831), Harriet Tubman burn in the furnace of ungratefulness.

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The struggle for liberation is pushed back 500 years,
An entire generation is chilled.
The hopes and dreams of an oppressed
and wronged people are killed.

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He Kills Himself... He Kills Himself... He Kills Himself

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