

In My Eyes

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There should be one thing that every person should note;
Our world is NOT broken, as it was made to be this was
But I have to ask, why was I lied to?
Because certain people only *want* someone like me to know false information
Which, by the way, is a form of discrimination and hatred
One question that we may never get an answer to is;
Why is discriminatory acts a way of life?
Almost like a generational tradition
We live in this world where some will love while others will hate
As I look back to the beginning of America, I see nothing but lies
In grade school, I was taught that Christopher Columbus was this great person,
who found this untreasured piece of land
And as I say these words some might say this sounds way too familiar
Because In My Eyes..
Black power is silenced
Our community is demolished
By what is known as a powerless figure
What have we done other than spread greatness in everyone's life?

We are like silhouettes of Europe...
As they perform on stage creating this perfect image of America,
We stay backstage working the lights and audio
If I dared to even think to do otherwise, well, no one would be surprised.

As I grow up I've just learned to toss my pain with my wishes in a wishing well.
Never any luck, but oh well
I still try even though I know *they* want me to fail.
But that's what *they* want, but we can't give them that happiness
Because they feed off my sadness

They see my potential and they fear me

But Is this really the way life's supposed to be?

Maybe nothing physically has gone wrong, but mentally,
People like me are always worrying about one thing or another.

Depression just called, they said that you used my past and my memories as a
weapon.

This is why we take all of our feelings and hide them
Even when we cry out for help, do they listen?

Even just the thought of it tears me to shreds
Because this life we live, well it's just not fair for someone to have to live this
way: the life within a fenced-in mindset
The world we live in is **never** going to be perfect,
but seriously,
We don't have to have this type of problem in our society

The crazy thing is, is that our world's foundation was purposely rooted into
systemic racism.

The word fence is described as a barrier
enclosing an area of ground to mark a boundary, and access containment
This fence I speak of is one only a person of color may obtain.

This 'fence' in life tells us that we can not do certain things, or go certain places
because we might get caught up in some type of police brutality without even
physically doing anything wrong.

Literally to just be in an area at the wrong time will get us punished.

Growing up, learning how people truly dislike someone strictly because of their
skin is astounding!

Throughout U.S History we have seen this pattern of hatred towards our fellow
people of color but we must all ask the question, 'Why? Why are people so
conflicted because someone has a darker skin tone?'

It's okay if you don't like what someone does or what someone might have said,
but because of skin?

Is that really acceptable in our society?

People should not have to live in fear for their whole lives.

America is supposedly "Home of the Brave" and we supposedly are "The Land of
the Free" but if that was really the case, why can't everyone who lives in The
United States of America go outside and feel safe without having to put a second
thought on it?

The only people that can say they're free, are wealthy, white men
What happened to the phrase "Treat others the way you want to be treated?"

Say their name.

George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. Kalief Browder. Trayvon Martin. Deunte Wright.
Only some of the many whose lives were taken as a result of police brutality.

And yes, I realize that some things are easier said than done

But think about what I'm saying,
think about why the Black Lives Matter Movement exists;
because we know that this can be done.

And now I see it,
we're just running and repeating the past over and over again.

The one problem in this world is ignorance
This life of
'it just is'
needs to change to 'justice'.