

FLAMES
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If you're going to burn America
Then burn
I am weary of waiting

And I don't mean these piddly brush fires popping up in urban centers in the
aftermath of rage and protest

I mean
uncontrollable,
unstoppable,
Intentional...

flames...

Determined to turn injustice into ash
To burn this system to the ground
And make way for something else
Anything
else
Anything
but this

I'm tired of being spit on
Shit on
Lied to
Lynched

Let the Flames burn
Flames that cannot be outted by threats of arrest or martial law
Cause we're not scared of that no more
Cause nothing is scarier than waking up and walking each and every day

Black

in America

If you claim these are your streets, my people
Then take them
And refuse to give them back
Until every life they have stolen from us is accounted for
Is avenged

Until their names roll off the tongues of your countrymen like their pledge of allegiance to this country that wont stop killing us

Yet demands our loyalty, our labor and our love

She ...

America...

This great democracy

is the narcissistic abuser who manipulates and mindfucks;
artfully gaslighting us into believing that our lived reality
is fantasy

made up in the minds of those discontented for no reason

Nevermind it remains open season

On niggas

And negresses

Daily

Stop with the meager threats of interrupting business as usual

And make the new business

the constant beat of revolution

We've marched

We've prayed

We've voted

We've protested

We've contested

We've sang and danced and organized and advocated

And today

Today we are told that holes in walls matter more than holes shot through a sleeping Black woman's body in her own goddamn home

Once again it is affirmed that the following things are a crime while Black:

- Breathing
- Living
- Walking
- Loving
- Resting
- Working

- Shopping
- Driving
- Texting
- Talking
- Eating
- Sleeping
- Sleeping
- Sleeping

Sleeping is a crime if you're Black, female, educated, employed and
sleeping ...
peacefully
... next to your love

Anything
And I do mean
ANYTHING
that
ANYONE else -

not Black of course -
But
ANYONE else
does
every single day -
when done by us -
is ...

justified causation for our bloodspill

And still
They want folks like me to
Still ...

The waters

But today I say

Let the waters boil
Let the dams break
Let the streets flood

And not with our blood
But with our resistance and insistance

Our resilience and our brilliance

This shit stops
Today

Let the people be more fearful of continuing to live this way
Than standing for our freedom
And whatever consequences that may bring

Sing the warrior songs of our ancestors
Beat drums for medicine to carry us into battle
Say prayers to Nat and Harriet and Huey
To Fannie and to Ida

Ask them for guidance
And
forgiveness
Cause it never should have got this far
We let too much shit slide
Too many of our loved ones die
And instead of fight
We've cried
Easier to absorb their lies
Than bring about their demise

But its time
Been time
Beyond time

Im protecting whats mine
And suggest you do the same
The change
You put on them signs
Aint coming without sacrifice

Are you ready?
Are you willing?
Are you ...

Black
Tired
Mad
Done

Ready?

Ready for it to burn.

Are you ready for ...