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English
Junior Poem
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There is a Little Girl

1. There is little girl who sees all the world has to offer.
2. For she sees the man who confides in his daughter.
3. That daughter confides in the law to protect her father.
4. She sees the man who goes to work, kisses his partner, and walks away.
5. The man who is not guaranteed to return home that same day.
6. This man, like you, was not promised, today, yesterday or tomorrow.
7. This man is a black man, in nation full of hate and sorrow.
8. A nation divided, torn, unsewn.
9. A nation I can no longer call my own
10. Prevalent is the disarray we have here.
11. Like moving through a foggy, winding road with no clear end.
12. Bulldozing over humans like they are lesser than
13. $\frac{3}{5}$ ths of a human they said we were, not near a whole.
14. Judged solely on our skin color, not the color of our souls.
15. A cop will come, shoot first, and a brother gone.
16. That gunshot resonating, a light like sound, a sound like power in light.
17. The bullet zooms through the air, claiming the life of a brother, and this they say is "just"
18. "He was wearing a hoodie," "he looked aggressive," "it looked like he was holding a gun,"

19. These mere assumptions are the causation of the killing of a cold, docile, black man cradling nothing but fear-filled air in his fists.
20. I think “ how can they cut a man down like a tree in daylight and be acquitted?”
21. I can conclude no answer; families are left without sons. Sisters left without brothers.
22. So to young black men, women, and the world, I have a message
23. What is a world where we can not depend on the cops.
24. And innocent blood shed in the name of the law is common.
25. Why is the term oppression synonymous with the black american
26. Why does standing up for a nation of minorities elicit towering hatred from the slim majority
27. Our pursuits are no longer for happiness, for leisure time is reserved for those who possess power.
- 28. Even though time has progressed we as a society have digressed from just action.**
29. I pray, for father time to pause in his passage so that mother earth can start to heal.
30. We need to look at our leaders and assess their decisions.
31. For might does not come without morality, and we need those very leaders to take the moral ladder.