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Throughout history
Throughout time
We had a song
Through it all
We made ourselves heard

We sing for freedom
We sing for equality
We would sing
To get through
And we did

So we finished the song
But the beat went on

Younger than 18
With a dream
Ending someone’s nightmare
With a bullet
And waking up afraid
With a possibility
That they’d be on the other side of the gun

Head down eyes up
Don’t make yourself known
Don’t make yourself heard
Or you’ll be on the sidewalk
Waiting for the birds screech

How has violence affected me
My uncle got shot on his porch dead
Uncle richard
My cousin got shot but luckily survived
Deondre
My neighbor got shot before I moved

My god sister is in a abusive relationship
My friends cousin got killed and they can’t find the killer
My aunt baby father left
My dad died of cancer
Everywhere you go
Soul flows
Through everyone
One bullet can kill one physically
But hundreds mentally

Ha! Like that one death would make a difference

Now young kids are scared
Fear causes choices
Choices cause solutions
And the solutions are clear

Shoot or be shot

The trigger
Is their father figure
And the gang
Is the family
One more dead body
Is nothing new to see

I grew up without father
Died of cancer

Many other grew up no father
They Left
Died
Or divorced

My mom was all my support
Their moms were depressed
I went to school
They went to sell a pound
When I went home
They went for a smoke

I packed a lunch
They packed a M9
One false move and that could be me

They say life is short
And death is certain
Thats a understatement for some

They know no better
They had no better
They became no better
Than another body

It could never happen to you right?
But in a blink of an eye
My life as well as yours
could taken

By that same kid who begged for a dollar
The same kid your kid played with at the playground
The same one who packed a Gun in his pocket
The same kid who you thought
Would amount to nothing

Just Another body
Right?

I've heard it before
A reload of a clip
The skirt of a car
a police siren
Caution tape
Then the classic

"Im sorry ma’am there’s not enough evidence to find who did it"

No they don’t care
We barely care
Were killing ourselves
They know it
We know it
Cause we live for no one else
Why would we
Why care about someone else's life
When we had a rough day
We say we love our skin
But we would trade it in a instance

We trust no one else
And so we die for the ones we trust
Cause they are all we have
And we're quick to kill for them too

Is life a gift?
Is death uncertain?
Will we survive to see the song play again
The truth is you'll never know
Till the smoke passes

Violence is everywhere
It's in the gentlest of people
It's in the youngest of a child
In the hearts of everyone

But when we become stronger
When we remember the song
That's when the violence stops

When we give that child a chance
When we stand up for the weak
When we stop killing each other
We can start healing the pain

We've fought so hard to be free
And now the issue is us
We've went from steel to rust
Freedoms not a want
it's a must
This is not the america I trust
Let us be
Free Again

And only by sharing the love
And making a alliance
Can we spread the word

And stop the violence...