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For a moment, our nation paused
Enraptured
By the compound fracture
Captured by the American Skin
A nation torn, broken, and battered
Passively pacifying the pleas of the tattered

But in that moment, our nation paused

For 9 minutes and 29 seconds, we held our breath
For 8 minutes and 46 seconds became a symbol of death

The media sensation captured the nation,
But it could not hold our depth
We embraced equality until the next distraction
Revealed the complexity of complexion
Hidden in a cloak of indivisibility for all
A protocol needing a major overhaul
As we try to resolve the transgressions of the caste.
Maybe one day, for our nation's sake
We can absolve the petulance to avoid being typecast.

