

# Forces

---

Volume 2022

Article 33

---

4-12-2022

## In America

Shelby Rivenson

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.collin.edu/forces>

---

### Recommended Citation

Rivenson, Shelby (2022) "In America," *Forces*: Vol. 2022 , Article 33.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.collin.edu/forces/vol2022/iss1/33>

This Poem is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@Collin. It has been accepted for inclusion in Forces by an authorized editor of DigitalCommons@Collin. For more information, please contact [mtomlin@collin.edu](mailto:mtomlin@collin.edu).



### In America

Shelby Rivenson

What is the American dream?  
One where troubles are left elsewhere?  
One where the past is forgotten?  
Or is it  
One in which the future is faced without constraint from the past?  
One where you can plunge into the depths of society with complete disregard for a past  
in which humanity had been forsaken?  
No.  
The American dream is one in which each is held responsible for who you are and once  
had been.  
One where intolerance of lack of humanity is key.  
And,  
One where EACH will be held accountable for past injustices.  
An American dream is one preserved for fighters and survivors  
Not tormentors.  
For in America, JUSTICE is the American dream.