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For A Moment, Our Nation Paused ...

Litonya Celestine

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.





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Get Your Hands Dirty

David Drane

Like the tilling of the land.

Like the pruning of the trees.

Like the kneading of the bread.

Like the churning of the butter.

Relationships require that ours get dirty for the better.