

## Social Justice Dreams

i had dreams to be seen as equal  
i had dreams where my skin wasn't a target  
i had dreams where i can sleep through the night  
and not get raided  
i had dreams where i marched to be seen as human  
all of this for the sake of my skin  
MLK had dreams too  
he just wanted to be equal  
he just wanted to walk down the street and not get hosed down by the police he just wanted to  
sit at a table  
he just wanted to use the bathroom  
he just wanted to hear "welcome"  
not "for whites only"  
he just wanted to go for a swim in the pool  
not worry about acid  
he just wanted to learn  
he just wanted to go to church  
those seemed to get bombed too  
im so sorry  
Denise McNair, Addie Mae Collins, Cythnia Wesley, Carole Robertson that they just didn't  
care  
he just wanted black excellence  
they bombed black wall street too  
he wanted a better life for Yolanda, Dexter, Bernice, and Martin the 3rd but those dreams  
became nightmares  
and created everlasting sleep  
sleep in power MLK  
i started to have dreams too  
i just wanted to wear my natural hair  
i just wanted to trust the police  
i just wanted to see justice being served  
i just wanted to be able to live without fear  
my dreams and nightmares became a reality  
Sam Cooke said a change gonna come  
but only if i change the system  
even if i end up in everlasting sleep  
i have to protect me, amari, niarah, and bri  
because the system doesn't see them like me  
i can't fill your shoes MLK but i can dream too  
make them realities  
that was 1963  
it 2023  
60 years later still having dreams