

# A RESILIENT PEOPLE

We are resilient as a people  
Black  
Beautiful  
Broad  
Bountiful  
Bold with talents that are powerful

Our endurance is epic  
voice is distinct  
feet are strong  
hands are gifted  
Our Love is deep  
    yet complex  
Faith persistent  
Our loyalty at times  
    misdirect...ed

*We are nonetheless a resilient people*

Pressing towards that high calling...  
    of God  
Achieving the dream set in us  
    At birth  
There are yet screams within  
    our souls  
To be healed of  
    past pains  
That drain our resolve  
    Again and again

Our stubborn wills refuses  
    to forgive  
We therefore sell ourselves  
    as slaves  
To an ideology that uses phraseology  
Hypnotizing us to become numb  
    to our own conscious  
We have no excuse  
    To let ourselves be used  
To be abused even by our own

Black Leaders enriching themselves  
As young men die on our streets  
    Because we fail to met their needs  
Blood on the hands of those who lead us  
    from our babies murdered  
60 million evicted from the sacred womb  
    of their homes

With screams from the pain that we simply  
    cannot comprehend  
Beat the drum of war against this bloody  
    sacrifice to demons!

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We have come to recognize  
The favor of God on our lives  
Will no longer trivialize the issues  
Or be taken for granite

We will RISE  
With optimism  
Work with those who celebrate progress  
Not complicate and regress  
Because of a fret based on a history  
That has faded behind the glorious light of  
reconciliation  
Made ours through the power of Christ  
Resurrection

We thank God for the struggle  
We thank God for the journey  
We thank God for all things new

The old old is dead  
The vanguards of bitterness are being replaced  
New vessels of wine  
New dresses and ties  
We are no longer bound  
    But made alive

We will declare aloud  
    With all Americans by our sides  
We are Americans!  
We are achievers, believers, explorers, inventors  
Entrepreneurs, actors, poets and preachers  
Husbands, wives, friends, teachers  
Refusing those who won't stand for truth  
We are Allies for all that is good  
that is love, that is free

*We are A Resilient People  
A Resilient People are we*

