

ALL EYES ARE UPON US

*Mother, mother
There's too many of you crying
Brother, brother, brother
There's far too many of you dying
--Marvin Gaye*

... then they stomped

John Willet

as he lay on the sidewalk
hands cuffed behind his back
and shot

Michael Brown

who was on his way this fall to college

*Stop and frisk
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and used a chokehold to kill

Eric Garner

who sold cigarettes one-by-one
on the street in Staten Island
and punched again, again
in the face
great-grandmother

Marlene Pinnock

as she lay on the ground
 then they stood around while
 an angry bartender
 pushed vet

William Sager

down the stairs to his death;
 maybe they helped hide
 the security videotape
 then it was
 unarmed

Dillon Taylor

in Salt Lake City, and
 homeless

James Boyd

in Albuquerque

and Darrien Hunt

in Saratoga Springs, Utah--

how about that grandmother
 92-year-old

Kathryn Johnston

shot to death in a SWAT team raid
 gone bad?

then it was
 unarmed, homeless, mentally ill

Kelly Thomas

clubbed to death by three Fullerton cops
 left with pulp for a face

in '73 in Dallas

Santos Rodriguez

was marked by officer Cain
 who played Russian Roulette
 with the handcuffed 12-year-old
 in his cruiser—
 till the .357 fired; Santos' blood
 all over his 13-year-old handcuffed
 brother David

and those cries of
 19-month-old Bounkham Phonesavanh
 in whose crib
 the flash-bang grenade exploded—
 his nose blown off

Shelter in place

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or 41 police gunshots at immigrant

Amadou Diallo

who died
 right there
 in the doorway
 of his Bx. apt. bldg.

and that cop who shot and killed
 7-year-old

Aiyana Stanley-Jones

as she slept

and those Cleveland cops who shot
 12-year-old

Tamir Rice

who had a BB gun
 and gave him no first aid--
 watched him die

all those police
with gas masks and helmets in

Ferguson, Missouri

telling the people

don't be on the streets after sundown

Ferguson—still a sundown town
maybe soon like a town near you

with M-16's, MRAP's,
armored personnel carriers—
in this war against the people

Lockdown

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