

(I AM TOBIAS)

Born out of lust
One night, in the middle
of year of massive Riots
I was conciered
Sex, and Music
Fire and Riots
I twisted everything
that she put in her mouth
I heard that, felt that to
a Womens Right to Chose
I aint nothing but
a shot of ass to him
a County welfare check to her
what have I seen?
Environmental toxicity
of passion and violence
so my warm cry had to
sound like peaceful singing
raised in caos and disorder
then she made me the Chief director
was it my lips? Who knows
if probably still is
But where was god then?
yet you expect me to seek him now?
How can there be
no love lost, when
no love had ever been gained?
what about the blood lost
out from the top of my head
dripping to the soles of my feet
Im 4 years old, what have I done
to become this drum
to be beat, beaten, and
left to dry in my sleep
now drink the piss on the
wooden floor, I'll cash this
County check, but I dont want you
no more.

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Dry blood hurts
couldn't get it off
why is she so mad?
and mad at me for what?
when I grow up to be
eight years old
I swear I'm going to run
run away from home.
I'm hungry, but I can't eat
I stutter, so I can't speak
phenomenal, singer of the gospel
bracing for the next attack
and why do they remind me
that my lips are big
and my skin is black?
I'm both alone and lonely
but I don't play with toys
I never wanted to be a girl
but I only liked boys
Pissy Sissy, singing Sepreno
get your lil black ass
out of here, and get the
fuck off of Grandmamas piano
I tried shooting marbles
but everybody thought I was a girl
a lot of alone time at school
always in another world.
Tied up in a sheet
I couldn't breathe
threw me down a flight of steps
that I couldn't see
until somebody untied me
Hanged by the age of 6
hot orange burning knife
on the tip of my dick
upside down, vomit in nose
a broken Jew, but don't
nobody know, don't nobody
want to know

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He didn't even flush in the toilet,
slapping me, forcing me
to swallow his cum
This is what you get for
being pretty, you know
this day would come.

That started at 5 years old,
Tied me to a dresser drawer
held me over a burning
BARBQ pit, I blacked out,
at least that's what I was told,

I think I'll do it with fire,
flames, and big ass smoke
I saw some guns in the closet
but they was way too big for
my 7 year old self to hold
Aint no way I'll ever get to heaven
if I kill these 8 people
at the age of 7.

So I Ran Away.

The big one was too fast
These are the streets of Compton
and I was its trash
Barefooted, pajama pants
and drying blood on my body
I dont want to go back
into that house,

because there, I'm Nobody.

Police chasing niggaz
in the ally outside our backyard
dead body stinking on the ground
ants in his mouth, stiff & hard
Gunshots all night

bullets passing through the house
The horrors these eyes have seen

I aint even told yet

Black Unity in the Community

is foreign to me, and,

I aint even 10 years old yet.

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Although I can only speak for myself, I can speak to my younger - self, who is out there somewhere in society, sitting in some incarcerative situation: not being able to engage peace and unity as a realistic fundamental possibility, for them.

For me, love and forgiveness are luxury, internal.

I learned that I needed to discover this reality because, by the time I was 10 years old, I had no idea that I would be the one engaging you about being the creator of your own version of love and forgiveness.

So what did I do with all of that anger, and drive for revenge? I understood that none of it was my fault, and I'm telling you now, that you can deal with what you have done as an adult, when you embrace the fact that you are not the source of evil, and it was true evil that forced others to harm you, because evil knows that it can be survived and defeated when people like you, become adults and reach to people that can only understand you. Somebody doesn't know what true love and forgiveness looks like because, you haven't decided to teach, yet. The next us, is out there, and we all need you.

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