

Independent Voices, New Perspectives

Chere R. Hampton: Seven Haikus

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We are so tired. Our souls are wailing in pain. Why don't you hear us?

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We will honor them, with every protest, song, stand. You're not forgotten.

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Our hope will prevail. Defeat is not an option. Our joy will endure.

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We can't even breathe. You're choking us with knees, fists. We just want to live.

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The rage in my heart, white hot like an inferno. What am I to do?

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I say let it burn. We can rebuild it better. We can make it right.

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When they come for us,

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I will prepare for battle. They won't defeat us.

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