

AGAIN
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In the middle of a pandemic
a great equalizer
We're all in this together!
a white police officer kneels
on the throat of a black man.
We can't breathe, gasp the COVID victims.
I can't breathe, gasps the black man.
They die.
He dies.
Protests. For civic rights. For civil rights.
And we learn again
(Remember Ferguson?) again
(Remember Little Rock?) again
(Remember Greensboro?) again
(Remember Selma to Montgomery?) again
that equality is still a dream
even in a pandemic
We're (not) all in this together!
Hands up! Don't Shoot!
I can't breathe...
I can't breathe...
I can't breathe...