

In Honor of Black History Month: **"Remembering the Homeless"** February 2016  
A POEM @ Long Beach City/ Council Meeting

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As I travel my course of life, I have questioned the reasons for some of the strife.  
This group's demand; that groups need for a stand. When younger, I wondered why  
one group would want to distinguish themselves in a land that represents all peoples?  
I was told it's not enough to be part of God's creation; it is not enough to be an American.

Negroes want America to never forget, they were taken, beaten and sold to be here.  
Mexicans say we weren't called aliens while we were helping build America!  
Indians say admit it America, we were here first, swindled with a drink and a smile.  
Jews say never forget America what Hitler did to us in AUSCHWITZ, and anyone else, EVER  
ANYTIME, ANY PLACE; FOR ANY REASON!  
Asians are still trying to assimilate, quietly waiting to take their place, in America.

Being of African, Indian and French and Jewish decent I have found, that if I tried to  
be loyal, these are too many memorials to oblige. But yet and again I have looked  
across the lawn and there stood another group seeking fair treatment and respect:

**The Homeless are the New Negro; shipped, stripped and whipped; then sole in America.  
The Homeless are the New Indian, for which an apology and a handshake is not justice.  
The Homeless are the New Jew, who escaped from Auschwitz, now home in America.  
The Homeless are the New Mexican, God has ordered, that they get their land back.  
The Homeless in many cities are White folk, singing: "This Land Is My Land" America**

Across the green grass of my life, I have found that the Homeless are a part of all these  
people, they represent all nations, now wondering the streets IN America!

So, while some Negroes detest being called nigga, by others, and use the word all too  
freely among family and friends; **just telling the truth.** In closing black history month, I'm  
using more of this free speech to voice a new opinion: Be of good cheer Black Folks! **The  
homeless, from where I stand, are being treated as the NEW Niggas; the beat down- beat  
up, abused, murdered, feared, despised, rejected; Overlooked, exploited, even pimped  
for money they've never seen; Side stepped and ignored by many of all races. But living  
in houses, you can't feel their pain and certainly not hear them complain. Oh their  
neighbors have stood up to complain: They have said The AIRPLANE NOISE IS TOO LOUD.**

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"People who wink at wrong cause trouble, but a **BOLD** reproof promote peace."

-King Solomon/ Proverb 10:10.

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**VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

**Tasks: cooking, client– intake, entertainment, spiritual, care, inventory, clothing services, soul care, legal counsel, social services, maintenance, carpentry, clerical; many more, opportunities for Homeless Assistance Outreach Ministry!**

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