

D.K. Marshall, a UNL senior, is from Beatrice. Youth

No one cried and no one screamed last night
 At the party
 People laughed and drank and smoked and toked
 To hide from the cold, black wind outside
 Because Janey doesn't have a gun
 When her daddy rapes her
 Then beats her bloody
 And hiding's all she can do
 Toke and die.

I met a man who talked to me last night
 At the party
 His speech got witty as he drank more beer
 And no one said a word of truth
 Through hoots of racaus laughter
 I was glad I didn't wear my golden dress
 Because Billy didn't have a shield
 When his mommy draws a knife
 And hiding's all he can do
 Toke and die.

I saw a child who should have been a woman
 At the party
 The bearded man explained it all to me
 No one there wants to grow up,
 He said, No one there wants to live too long
 Because no one outside cares
 And if toking's all you've got to hide behind
 Then by all means,
 Toke and die.

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"And Martin Luther King died for his dream of equality for all people" said the old preacher who needed to have pulled back from the chicken dinner table years ago.

He kept on talking about the fallen drum major for the marching band of peace. Amen, said the good deacon and owner of the local funeral parlor and liquor store, he died the good death.

And I sat still in the little store front church on the back street of my urban hell. I didn't say a thing cause I was stuck in this pew with my mother who does not want to understand why I don't understand why he said King died.

I kept my cool cause I was in the house of faith, around people too afraid to say assassinate means that he was murdered, killed, snuffed out, iced, shot dead, crucified, back in 1964.

I sat patting my feet to the music of the old timed religion while right Reverend Pie-In-The Sky doomed us to repeat again mistakes we've already made.

But I had to leave when my mother got the hallowed spirit of under estimation and forgave America for its systematic elimination of another King.

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