

Still Alive

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Birmingham, 1963...

a blue-eyed boy on safe ground just like me...
can you hear those screams comin over that mountain?
the sound of supremacy forced on thousands...

can we recall,
when hearts haven't changed at all?
and hate reigns in rings of fire,
and genocide is still alive....

James Byrd, can you hear me cryin?...
a white boy in Alabama--head down, tryin...
to figure out why they might do it to you...
three up front prowling like animals do...
'string him up behind the truck, fourty miles an hour...
run it red so the nigger can feel your white power...

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In Sudan, there's a western fire burnin,
a child's eyes are wide watchin the barrels turnin...
they'll stake claim inside of your wife and daughter...
a bullet in the head for the government's honor...

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