

My Shrinking Island of Privilege

Black men die by cop
Black workers' pay can't buy homes
I'm safe, I am white

women risk assault
glass ceiling blocks hard-earned perks
I'm safe, I am male

homelessness stalks poor
death-by-poverty lurks near
I'm safe, I am flush

fog lifts, smoke clears ... look!
the times they are a-changin'
angry surf erodes

as my island shrinks
my inborn privilege ebbs
I dream Martin's dream

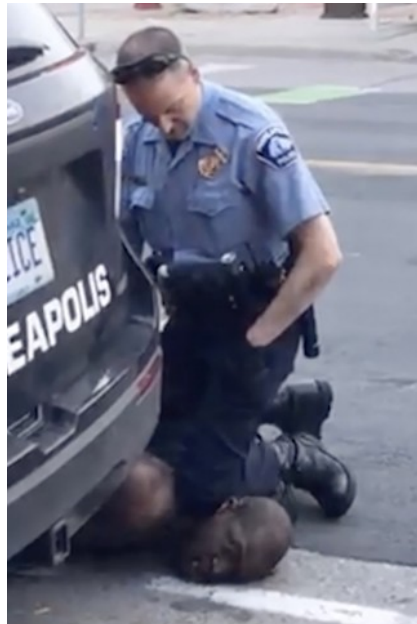


Photo: The murder of George Floyd, May 25, 2020

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