

### Journey of a White Liberal

I thought I was clear  
black sheep from White upbringing  
have I been redeemed?

Woodstock, Africa  
wept at *Uncle Tom's Cabin*  
own my privilege

Floyd's murder by knee  
Breonna killed while she slept  
Brunswick jogger shot

Black voices stirred me  
Black history haunted me  
Blacks' burden crushed me

racism's stain laid bare  
justice-shattering newflash  
shook me to my core



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