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## "A Space for You"

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This poem was written in remembrance of all the innocent Black lives lost, and in solidarity with the movements that continue the battle for systemic change.

“A Space for You”

– Sky Leah Ross

I see your anger & frustration,  
all of the agony you’ve been through;  
Lay it down here,  
let me make a space for you.  
For all of the pain,  
all of the hurt,  
all of the injustice,  
that you don’t deserve.  
All of the hatred & prejudice,  
all of the fear,  
all of the struggles,  
all of the tears.  
I see your anger & frustration,  
all of the oppression you’ve been through;  
Lay it down here,  
let me make a space for you.  
All of the trials,  
the senseless violence,  
all of the fighting,  
to prove your innocence.  
All of the outrage,  
all of the unrest;  
Lay it here,  
get it all off your chest.  
All of the fury,  
and all the dread;  
Say it out loud,  
get it out of your head.  
Let me support you,  
because I understand;

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Equity & compassion  
are such a simple demand.

I stand with you,  
You are seen & heard.  
I value you.  
Please believe every word.  
I see your anger & frustration,  
all the misery you've been through;  
Lay it down here,  
let me make a space for you.  
Your madness is valid,  
the masses seethe.  
Let me make a space for you;  
a space for you to *breathe*.  
#BlackLivesMatter