

Sometimes / Why We Cannot Give Up **Keeping it Real By Larry Pinkney** BlackCommentator.com Editorial Board

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SOMETIMES

Sometimes...

just when I'm ready to say

the hell with it all,

I see a little one's smile

looking up at me.

I see her bright eyes

full of faith in all of us.

I see his trusting look

as he shows me his latest bruise.

Damn!

I see their little arms and legs

frantically jumping...

running...

or just sort of romping.

It's then I remember my youth

and how sure I was then...

that things would somehow be better.

It's then that I'm reminded

of Nat, John, Harriet, Fannie Lou, Rosa, Malcolm,

Medgar, Martin, Malcolm, and Huey.

Just one more day

for our ancestors,

and ourselves.

Sometimes,

even in the belly of the beast

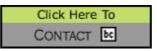
life's struggle is beautiful.

Onward then...

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