

Bloody Sundays

What is the difference between the blood shed by African Americans who were beaten unconscious in Selma, Alabama

And the blood shed by Irish citizens gunned down in Derry, Northern Ireland?

Nothing.

Injustice looks the same no matter what continent you're on.

The power is in the forearms and metal

Bullets and billy clubs.

It must have sounded like blindness,

Bones breaking like government promises.

Selma

Derry

A clear example that discrimination does not discriminate based upon your skin color or where you stay,

It is merely based upon who will be predator and who is prey,

Who will have power and whose life will be at stake.

It was a cloudy day in Derry...

There was tension in the air in Selma...

Unfulfilled desires remained to be achieved.

Even though an ocean separated the people,

Citizens just wanted to be treated like citizens.

January 30, 1972--

A somber Sunday when Derry's freedom fight

Turned to bloodshed and last rites.

March 7, 1965--

A march in Selma for the right of all to vote

Silenced by clubs cracking bones and tear gas choking throats.
The streets remember what happened that Sunday
Irish concrete and Alabama granite churned like the ferocity of the people.
They walked side by side in the same streets
Facing the same obstruction.
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It is merely based upon who will be predator and who is forced to prey.

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A Spoken Word Project commemorating
the courage, sacrifice, and legacy
of those who marched for civil rights
in the face of injustice and oppression
in Selma, Alabama, in 1965
and in Derry, Northern Ireland, in 1972

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