**Selma**

*March 7, 2015*

Club Gun Gas Water Hose Hooves

Met Scorched Lungs Burned Eyes Rent Flesh Splintered Bone.

Met Those. Who Cared. Dared. To March. Cross. Bridge To Freedom.

Barred By White Hot Hate. Subjugated Blacks Crushed Neath Heel.

Of Race. Jim Crow. Tormented Blacks Still. Marched On.

Sought Equality. Simple Justice. Alms Of Humanity.

Dignity. Righteous. Touch Of Fate.

Four Girls Maimed. Killed. Laid To Senseless Early Rest.

Black Tomb Of Hatreds Stygian Bed.

Bombed Church In Birmingham. Chaney. Goodman. Schwerner.

Buried In Clay Grave Of Unmarked Dam. Viola Liuzzo.

Befriending Leroy Moton. Shot Through Poor Martyred Head.

Jimmie Lee Jackson. Shot Down In Prime. For Mere Crime. Of Hope.

Registering To Vote. Still. Freedom Surges. Still. Not Dead.

Still March Of Unquenched. Unyielding. Now. Moves.

Cross. Edmund Pettus Bridge. Mobs. Noose. Klu Klux Clan.

Back Of Bus. White Only. Water Fountains Counters Hotels Schools.

Separate. Equal. Poll Tax. Cold Brutal Race Baiting Rain.

Falls. Pours. Chills. Lynches. Tortures. Kills. Nameless Victims.

Emmet Till. Segregation Rules. Reigns. Till Selma.

At The Bloody Bridge. Vision Of Freedom. Thugs. Blows. Of Racial Ignorance.

Cast Round The World. World Knows. World Sees. World Perceives.

Raw Evil. Racist Infamy. Flag Of We. Will Overcome. Unfurled. Freedom.

Pure. Certain. Sure. As Martins Wave Of Peaceful Protest.

Gentle Wave. Of Docile. Non Violent Yes. Triumphs. Prevails. Endures.

Sweet Sound Of Freedoms Song. Rose.

Over Such Fervent Cries Curses Chants Of Never.

No. Whispered. It N'er E'er Be So. Marched Cross That Bloody Bridge.

Marched As All Freedom Prophets Have Done. Must Do. Marched On. Sweet Refrain.

We. Will. We. Will. We. Will. Overcome.

We Will. Not Fail. We Will. Prevail.

Marched On.