

'I can't breathe'

Under broad daylight,

not even the darkness of night

another black man

murdered in full sight.

Handcuffed face down

pinned between police car and ground

another true life example

of the black man's plight

Crushed to the floor

by not just one, but all four

was not enough

for these "men of the law."

With their knees of rope

around his innocent grope

he spoke "I can't breathe"

unable to move, not even his jaw.

Costumed in red, white and blue

with an oath to protect me and you

their hooded cloaks glistened

with fear, ignorance and hate.

As if hung from a tree

this time with video to see

the historic cruelty

of the black man's fate.