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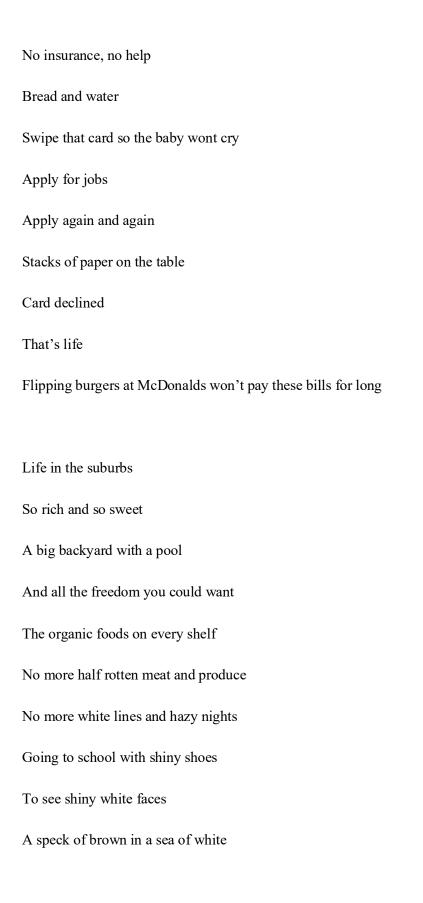
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<u>Pressure</u>

We came here in chains
You brought us
We came here as slaves
You brought us
We came here as servants
Dark as midnight
Ripped from the wonders of Home
To work in your fields
Cotton, tobacco, Rice
Now we work in your jails
Land of the free
Even though many of us are behind bars
Your bars
Working in the fields
The sun shines on them
But not on us
Picking up trash on the highway
Orange jumpsuit clad
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From the chain gang to the jail
The lights come on
Blue and white flashes by
A scream in the night
A baby cries
A man yells on the second floor
The school bell rings
Blue and white flashes by
Why is my neighborhood like this?
Gunshots going off at night
Gunshots going off at night In the suburbs
In the suburbs
In the suburbs A quiet place
In the suburbs A quiet place No noise, no hubbub
In the suburbs A quiet place No noise, no hubbub Organic food stores
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Learn more and more Be the best there ever was But how? Why should I straighten my hair? Burn it and comb it util it's a burnt mess Why should I fix my nose Make it small and dainty Like yours But I am not yours 'My face and body is not yours Big hips to fit all this booty While you sit there flat as a pancake Spending thousands to look like us But nobody wants to be us

Laptops and books stacked so high the ceiling is gone