



ELEGY FOR WILLIAM FRAZIER

THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
ANOTHER RUSHED MORNING/
YET WE HAVE ANOTHER DEATH AMONGST MANY
BUT I KNEW YOU WILLIAM FRAIZER/
I CAN'T FORGET YOUR FACE OR
THOSE EYES THAT WERE AS GREEN AS
THE MONEY YOU CHASED/
AND I CAN'T TAKE LOSING
SOMEONE ELSE OVER THE EMPTY PURSUIT
OF PROMISE WHERE DEATH LOOMS/
HE NEEDED MORE CHOICES THAN
A COFFIN.

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WE ARE STILL HERE.

WE ARE STILL HERE TO WATCH DREAMS DIE.

**TOO MUCH HALLELUJAH TIME. ALL OF MY FRIENDS
ARE PALLBEARERS, SHOULDERS HEAVY FROM
FROM CARRYING**

**WE ARE STILL HERE. WHEN CLASSROOMS ARE WARZONES,
IT IS NOT SAFE TO DREAM.**

DO NOT SPEAK OUR NAMES IN VAIN.

DO NOT WHISPER THEM IN PRAYER.

NASHVILLE, DRAW US A NEW MAP.

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FORCED CHOICES

MY LIFE IS FILLED WITH BROKEN PROMISES.

SILVER LININGS WERE NEVER SEEN

JUST SHADOWS WHERE I AM THREATENED.

NONE OF US HAD A CHOICE.

IT IS NOT A GAME ANYMORE.

WHEN DID WE BEGIN TO USE

FISTS LIKE PAINTBRUSHES,

TO CREATE CREATE WORLDS WHERE

PULLING THE TRIGGER IS EASIER THAN BEING HEARD.

I AM DREAMING OF MORE OPTIONS

THAN CRAYONS OR COFFINS.

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NOTES ON VERBAL SUICIDE

IT AIN'T EASY TO
USE MY TRUTH AS A SWORD
BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BE GREAT
ALL I CAN DO IS SPUTTER
SPUTTER HYMNS FROM GRANNY
OTHERS RECITE RACIAL EPITAPHS
IN THE HALLWAYS
WHERE WORDS ARE BULLETS
PIERCING THE ESTEEM
OF THOSE WHO HURT OTHERS IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM
I AM CHOOSING TO SPEAK LIFE

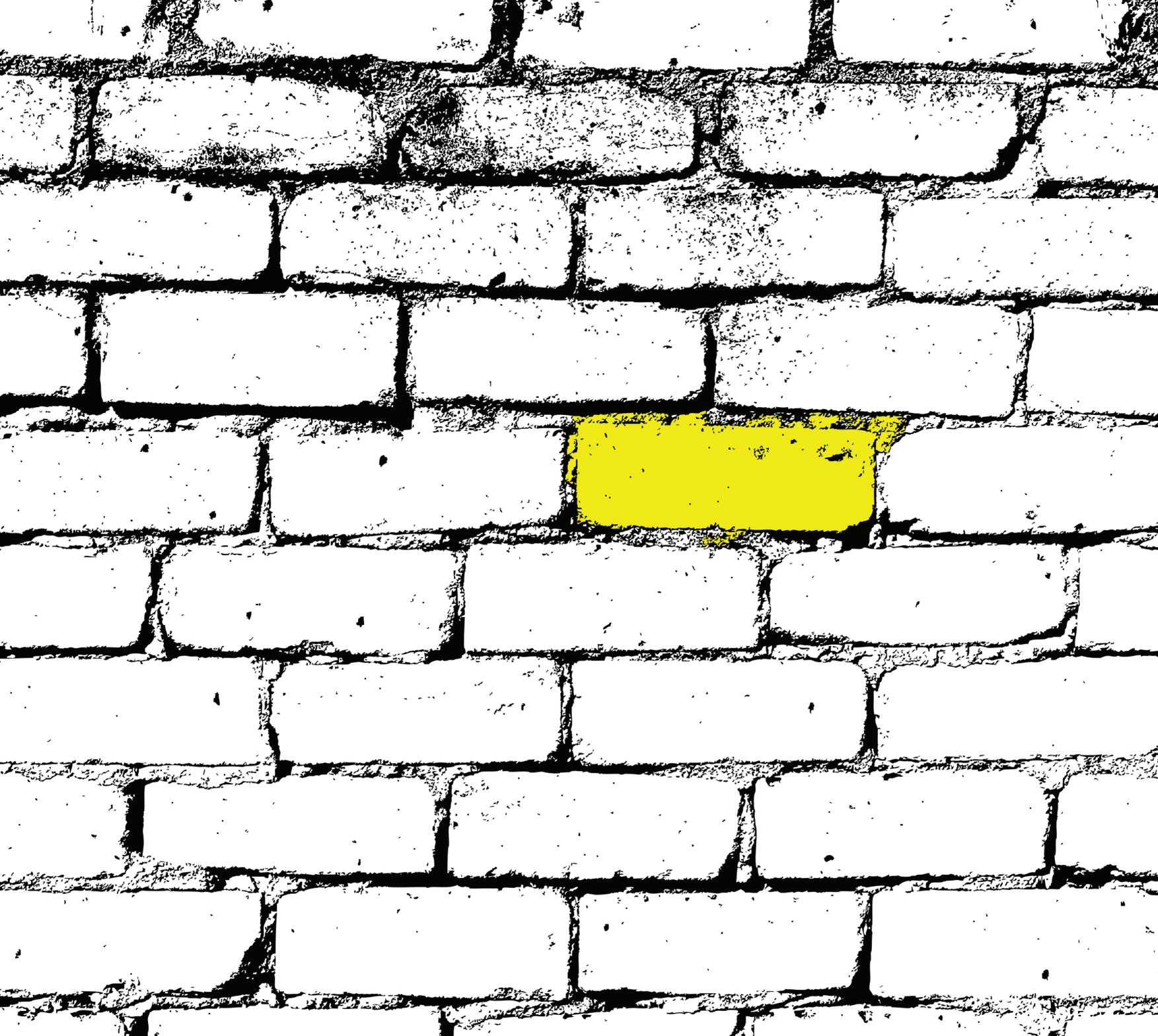
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I AM NOT ONE OF THEM

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WITH TRIGGER FINGERS READY

TO KILL OR FIGHT OVER STREETS

I DO NOT OWN. I DO NOT STEAL SO COPS

STOP SNIFFING MY FOOTSTEPS

I AM NOT YOUR AVERAGE TEENAGER.

I AM A LEADER NOT A FOLLOWER.

EVERYONE FROM LISCHY IS NOT MEANT FOR BAD.

I AM ONE OF THEM.

I AM CHOSEN.

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UNTITLED

WE ARE DOPE BOYS.

WE TRAP LIFE.

WE HOOD STORY.

WE FACEBOOK FEUD.

WE TWITTER EULOGY.

WE SNAPCHAT REMEMBRANCE.

WE BARGAIN HUNT.

WE PLEA. WE CROSSOVER.

WE OVER.

WE IRREVERENT. WE HOPE.

WE GASSED UP

WITH NOWHERE TO GO.

WE SPIRAL OUT OF EYE'S VIEW.

WE SHADOW. WE SOUL SEARCH. WE LOST

WAITING TO BE FOUND.

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GUNPLAY IS SOME SPORT.

VERBAL DISPUTES LEAD TO NEW

GRAVES. LOCK THE SAFETY.

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