

Cartwright vs State of Tennessee

For the last 22 years the power of one decision has drastically changed many lives and perceptions,

Impacting and changing forever blatant lies and universal misconceptions.

Whatever world we'd created or life once lived, in an instant became understated,

Impacted by both my crime and my decades of incarceration.

Exchanging body for mind, years for time, 91-years criminal responsibility was the system's justification.

Locking me up, locked up many others—its just another version of genocidal gentrification.

And yet you want to know the visual impact of incarceration?

Its not merely seen just in my words, you're out there look around the hood—it's a visual demonstration.

I'm in here, I can see it clearly, how many versions do you need to interpret mass discrimination?

I just hope and pray that something I say dissolves away all preservation,

To do more than just re-imagine obvious traumas of this concrete jungle, but let it provoke the spirit of your soul in solidarity's application.

As my legs stand long and strong in my fight against the misinformed and miseducation,

It's from the loins of the womb that my ancestors fought and died, giving birth to Kings and Queens of Nations,

Just how loud does Martin's bells have to ring for justice, equality, and emancipation?

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